tion through his eye-glass when the Irishman refuses to transform himself instantly into a "Tommy Atkins" and sing "Rule Britannia."

"A letter written under the title 'A Candid Friend' appeared in a recent issue of what I consider the most high-class Canadian journal, *The Week*. It was a marvellously clever letter, dealing with the hatred expressed by Americans for the English, and attributing all the harsh feeling to the Irish-Americans absolutely. The writer evidently knows what he is talking about, and has summed up the case correctly in the matter of race-hatred. But when he goes on to talk of Irish-Americans as "political scavengers" and general *vaut-riens*, he sounds a false note. America owes much of her progress in her letters, in her army, in her Senate, on her press to the Irish-American. Why should not the Irish love America and the Americans? When every land was turned against them, when every avenue in Europe, I might say, was closed to them, when "No Irish Need Apply" was the commonest advertising heading in every English journal of the day, the great cosmopolitan country (if I may so term it) of the United States of America welcomed the Irish emigrant. Too often have I seen the pitiful procession of a whole village to 'the train' to see the young boy or the young girl set off for the land that alone was open to them, that alone wanted them; too often have I seen that pathetic racing along the railway bed to be by the side of the rushing train those last few moments; too often have I heard that heart-breaking keening of the old people and the children who were left behind and who looked on that parting as the parting of the grave—not to know that the feeling which binds Ireland to America is one of the strongest the human heart is capable of. Assuredly the Irish-American has as little love for England as his brother in the Old Land; but before he is dealt with in the summary manner in which 'A Candid Friend' deals with him, his cause for grievance should be looked into. And his grievance is a race-grievance, born and bred in him. If there is anything, then, in heredity, don't blame the Irishman. Centuries of harsh treatment bred harsh feeling in him; centuries of decent treatment may breed it out of him; but we will have to wait for these. Meantime, I will say this, that well has Ireland repaid the great country which gave her sons a shelter when none other would. In every high walk in life in the United States you will meet with men of "Irish descent." While not denying that there may be unprincipled men among the Irish Americans, as there may be in any community, it is hardly fair to decapitate the Irish-American character in the wholesale manner of the writer of the letter which recently appeared in *The Week*: while to urge England to war with the States on the ground that if she does not, the Irish in America will force war on her, is a statement as stupid as it is unwise, and one savouring of nothing less than jingoism. The under-cut of the letter is, however, at the Roman Catholic Church."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Toronto *Globe* and Hamilton *Spectator*, representing both shades of political opinion, take very strong ground against having aid given by the Government towards the importation into Canada of what the last named paper calls "Barnardo's gutter angelets." Protests against the continuance of this scandalous business have frequently been made by the medical profession and by the public press, and it is simply an outrage on the part of the authorities to allow the abuse to continue. Many people think this man Barnardo is a philanthropist; and so he is, of a kind—the kind that is looking for large bonuses and casual advantages—Knavery perambulating in the cloak of Charity.

THE HON. JAMES MCSHANE, member for Montreal Centre, delivered a speech in the House of Commons on the resolution introduced by Mr. McNeil, regarding Canadian loyalty to the mother country. In the course of his remarks he gave expression to a very notable—and true as it is notable—condition of affairs which prevails in our Dominion. He said:

"Let me mention a fact which will illustrate how the people of all races and creeds in our city act loyally together. You know, sir, that nearly seven-eighths of the population of Montreal is Roman Catholic; but yet so liberal are we, so united are we, in our desire to do justice to all, that only the other day we elected a Protestant mayor by acclamation for two years. That was not only an act of justice of the majority, but it was the right of the Protestant minority."

We hope the words of the hon. gentleman will be taken to heart by the Protestants of Ontario. In very few places can a Catholic be elected to Parliament, solely because he is a Catholic; and every one knows that in the cities of Ontario—notably Toronto—a Catholic, because he is a Catholic, has no chance whatever of being elected to the chief magistracy. No matter how worthy a citizen he may be, the votes of the majority will be polled against him because of the Faith he professes. We write this with sorrow, but it is a fact which stares us in the face; and we hope our Protestant friends will soon realize the fact that Ontario, and not Quebec, is the home of bigotry and intolerance.

WE publish in another column a letter from the Catholic Truth Society, St. Mary's branch, Toronto, which reached us unavoidably late for our last issue. The importance of this work cannot be over-estimated, and we sincerely hope that the Catholics of Toronto will respond both in financial and material aid. The society has established a flourishing branch in Ottawa, which, in the four years of its existence, has circulated some 31,547 publications. There is also a society established in St. Basil's parish, Toronto. In view of the fact that there is an undoubted missionary spirit in existence throughout the whole church in America — some parts of the United States being specially active; and with splendid results, particularly among non-Catholics — we are, therefore, pleased to note the efforts put forth by our friends in Toronto, and earnestly hope that the harvest indeed be a fruitful one.

ONE OF OUR contemporaries advocates the re-imposition of postage on newspapers. It is a very successful and wealthy corporation, and probably it would not feel it a hardship to pay a considerable sum yearly to the post office department. Very few papers in the country are, however, so happily situated financially as the one advocating the change. Many of them live from hand to mouth; and quite a number are supplied to the public at a very low price in consideration of the free carriage through the mails. Were the tax to be re imposed they would find it impossible to increase the price of their papers, and with many, we fear, it would have the effect of closing up their business. The deficit in the post office department is not an argument which may be employed with any force, because in almost every country a like shortage is found in the postal service; and, besides, in no other branch of governmental business would the burden of a deficit be found to be so evenly divided amongst the mass of the people. A change from the present arrangement would be, indeed, a most unpopular one.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

Right Royal Reception to Bishop O'Connor—Priests and People in Pious Rivalry—Immense Gathering at the Station—Procession to the Cathedral—Presentation of Addresses—His Lordship's Reply—A "Te Deum" Sung—The Pontifical Blessing Bestowed.

On May 1, 1884, His Lordship Bishop O'Connor arrived in Peterborough and was consecrated Bishop of Peterborough. Though at that time he came as a comparative stranger, his name had preceded him, and he had on that occaston great reason to be gratified with the warmth of his reception by his clergy and his new flock. But after six years experience of his wise and benign rule, his people have learned to love him for his piety, devotion to his church and fatherly kindness to his flock; and yesterday his reception and warm welcome home was characterized by a respectful enthusiasm which must be exceedingly gratifying to the venerated prelate on his return from his first visit to Rome. It is required that a representative of every diocese, in the person of its Bishop, should visit the Holy Father to render an account of his stewardship every ten years. It is ten years ago that the late lamented Bishop Jamot made the decennial pilgrimage to the Holy City, and the present is Bishop O'Connor's first visit, which was successful and pleasing in every way. He returns to his people in good health, and, of course, after such a reception as yesterday, in high good spirits.

His Lordship left Toronto yesterday at 1.40 p. m., accompanied by Rev. Father Teefy, principal of St. Michael's College, Ven. Archdeacon Casey and Rev. C. J. Phelan, son of Mr. Ed. Phelan. Through the much appreciated courtesy of Mr. D. O. Pease, district passenger agent of the G. T. R., the private Pullman car, "Muskoka," was placed at the service of the episcopal party, which was joined at Port Hope by Rev. Father Lynch and Rev. Father Larkin, of Grafton, and arrived on time at Peterborough.

THE WELCOME

which was accorded His Lordship Bishop O'Connor on his return home from his trip abroad was a royal one. Almost the entire congregation of St. Peter's were at the G. T. R. station to meet him, as were hundreds of other citizens as well. As the 5 o'clock train swept into the station, bearing him upon it, the band struck up a brisk air, and the parishoners, in whose hearts he holds such a warm place, crowding around to obtain the first glance from his benignant eye as he alighted upon the platform. Mr. Gus White held the reins over four white horses attached to one of Mr. Grady's sleighs, in which His Lordship took a seat, when a procession was formed as follows:

Fire Brigade Band.
C. M. B. A., marshaled by Mr. M. Lynch.
E. B. A., marshaled by Messrs. Robert Begley and J. Carroll.
Court St. Peter, C. O. F., marshaled by Mr. John O'Brien.
Members of the Congregation.
Bishop and clergy in carriages.

The procession proceeded by Charlotte street to Aylmer, to Hunter, to the cathedral.

Material evidences of welcome met Bishop O'Connor's eye in the shape of an immense streamer bearing the word "Welcome" flanked by a cordon of flags stretched across the street at the convent gate, over which was thrown a Gothic arch of evergreens barred with a "Welcome" in gold letters. At the main gate of the cathedral close stood a beautiful arch of evergreens, upon whose top rested a scroll of evergreens, surmounted by a cross and enclosing a medallion bearing the legend, "*Ecce Sacerdos Magnus.*" (Behold the great priest.)

At the church door his Lordship was met by Vicar-General Laurent, Lindsay, administrator of the diocese during his absence, and Ven. Archdeacon Casey, rector of the cathedral. At the entrance of the church the Bishop knelt a moment in prayer and then advanced to his throne, sprinkling the people as he passed with holy water, and preceded by the clergy, chanting the antiphon, "*Sacerdos Magnus.*" The following clergy occupied seats in the sanctuary: V. Rev. Father Laurent, V. G., Ven. Archdeacon Casey, Rev. Father Browne, V. G., Rev. Father Keilty, Douro; Rev. Father Lynch, Port Hope; Rev. Father Conway, Norwood; Rev. Father Connolly, Hastings; Rev. Father Collins, Brighton; Rev. Father Nolan, Fenelon Falls; Rev. Father Sweeney, Victoria Road; C. J. Phelan and the cathedral clergy.

The address of welcome from the clergy was then presented as follows, by Vicar General Laurent, of Lindsay:

ADDRESS FROM THE CLERGY.

To the Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, D. D., Bishop of Peterborough:

May it Please Your Lordship—It is with feelings of unfeigned joy that we, the priests of the diocese, are here to-day to greet you on your return from the Apostolic See and welcome you home to your Cathedral City. We hope that your visit to Rome—the home of the Popes, the seat of Christian authority, the centre of Catholic unity—has been for Your Lordship happy, pleasant and fruitful of much good.

Three months ago Your Lordship went forth, accompanied by our prayers and best wishes, to pay your first official visit to the Holy See. You have laid before the Sovereign Pontiff the religious state of the diocese. You have made known to him the spiritual needs of your flock. You have also borne to him the sincere expression of our sympathy with him in his trials and afflictions, and of our devoted loyalty to his sacred person at all times. Your return to day is hailed by the joyous acclamations of your faithful people.

In your journey Your Lordship has had the pleasure of visiting many countries of renown. First among them is your native Ireland—the Isle of Saints—which has ever been true to the faith planted by St. Patrick fifteen centuries ago. Your Lordship's patriotism must have quickened at the sight of the home of your infancy, the beautiful lakes of Killarney, the treaty stone of Limerick, the Round Towers, the holy places made sacred by the heavenly lives of the saints of old.

In other countries Your Lordship has seen much that tells of the civilizing influence of the Church in past ages, the monuments of which in the stately cathedrals and halls of learning are still the glory and pride of these nations. In Italy, and more especially in Rome, where Pagan power and civilization rose to their highest eminence, and where the religion of Jesus Christ met her fiercest foes and gained her greatest victories, many monuments of struggle still stand, though in ruins—the Colosseum where the brutal voices of the Roman populace so often resounded with the cry, "The Christians to the lions;" the catacombs, where the piety of the faithful guarded, for three centuries, the asnes of the dead, who died in the Lord, and received the bread of life that gave them the courage to go forth to battle for Christ's sake and claim the martyr's crown; the Tomb of the Blessed Apostles, that hallowed sanctuary, that tells how Peter loved our Lord, and how our Lord made him the foundation of His Church, for above the crypt in the glorious dome of St. Peter's are written the words of the Saviour, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." These bear testimony to the indefectible faith of the Roman Church planted by the blood of the glorious apostles, Saints Peter and Paul.

In this age when religious divergencies appal honest minds outside the Church, and devout hearts are sighing and seeking for union, the Catholic Church, like the city on the mountain that cannot be hid, shines gloriously forth in the wonderful unity of her faith and and authority, "the one fold and one Shepherd." She is spread throughout all nations, and her Bishops, natives of every clime under the sun, are united to the chain of Peter, and acknowledge Leo XIII. to be their head, and the Vicar of Christ on earth. The visits of the Bishops at stated times to the shrine of the apostles are open proclamation of that unity which is only to be found in the Church for which Jesus Christ prayed, "that they may be one as we also are one." To this unity our Holy Father has, in his latest encyclicals, called the attention of the world, "that seeing they may believe." In his charity he is desirous that all may be united "in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace, one Lord, one faith and one baptism."

We feel deeply flattered at the marked attention shown by their Eminences the Cardinals and the paternal kindness manifested by His Holiness the Sovereign Pontiff, to Your Lordship during your sojourn in the Eternal City.

We wish in conclusion to express to Your Lordship our appreciation of the Very Rev. Father Laurent, V. G., who has shown justice and charity in the administration of the diocese during Your Lordship's absence.

We pray God that Your Lordship's benignant rule over the diocese be long, happy and prosperous.

We humbly ask Your Lordship's blessing, and shall ever remain Your Lordship's faithful and devoted priests.

St. Peter's cathedral, Feb. 6, 1896.

His Lordship was then approached by Messrs. L. M. Hayes, Thos Cahill, B. Morrow, H. Phelan, H. LeBrun and B. O'Brien, and the first mentioned read the following address of welcome from the congregation:

ADDRESS FROM THE PEOPLE.

To the Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, D. D., Bishop of Peterborough:

May it Please Your Lordship,—Three months ago, we, the members of St. Peter's cathedral parish, assembled here to express in words, however feeble, our warm appreciation of Your Lordship's manly, honest and untiring efforts to guide the destinies of this young diocese, and also to wish you God-speed on your first official visit to the Eternal City, and the tomb of the Apostles. We animated by that same spirit of loyalty and devotion to Mother Church, and her loved representative—a loyalty and devotion, which has ever characterized the members of our holy religion—we are again gathered round Your Lordship, to welcome you back to our midst and the scene of your many labors.

Yours have been the privilege and the honor to kneel at the feet of Christ's Vicar, to receive in person the Papal benediction, to hold sweet converse with him whose wise and benign rule of the oldest and grandest institution upon earth has called forth the praise and admiration of the civilized world.

Beneath the glare of a hundred lamps which encircle the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles you have knel in silent adoration, invoking the blessings of heaven upon the Church and your own little flock in far-off Canada. Standing upon the Capitoline Hill your eyes have wandered o'er the mightiest ruin of all ages—the Forum, without the eloquence of a Cicero or a Tully, the Palace of the Cæsars, without its Augustus, the Mamertine prison without St. Peter or St. Paul, the Coliseum where no longer the blood of martyred Christians is shed in proof of the truth and divinity of Christ's mission. Encompassing this mass of ruin, and on the very streets which once resounded with frantic shouts of victory, as Roman armies returned from distant lands laden with the spoils of ruthless conquests, Your Lordship has seen these great and sublime temples erected in honor of the true God. Here is pagan, wicked, heartless Rome, crumbling into dust, while on her very ashes rise proudly and majestically the Rome of Christian days.

Or it may be that a desire to penetrate deeper into those numerous evidences of primitive Christian suffering has led Your Lordship to visit the desolate Campagna, where, deep in the bowels of the earth, once existed a living invisible Rome with a population unheeded and unreckoned. Here in these dens and caves of the earth lived a strong-hearted, God fearing people, here too they died, a spectacle in life-time to men and angels, and in death a triumph to mankind.

Nor has the interest of Your Lordship's visit to the City of the Popes been limited to these grand, heaven inspiring sights, for Rome's innumerable palaces and temples of worship, her public gardens and sparkling fountains, her galleries, museums and convents, adorned by the highest skill of the painter, the sculptor and the architect, have elicited the greatest encomiums of friend and foe.

But besides Rome—great in her antiquity, great in her unparalleled line of saintly pontiffs, great in all the achievements of religion, art and science—Your Lordship has seen at Pompeii the resurrected proof of the manners and customs of bygone ages. You have seen the spacious mosques of Africa, the impregnable fortress of Gibraltar, the grandeur and magnificence of Paris and London, the rural beauty of England, the evergreen hills of dear old Ireland, the enchanting lakes of Killarney, and last, but not least—

That dear spot in Kerry, the home of your youth,
The guardian of innocence honor and truth.

We enumerate here, My Lord, the long list of renowned sights which it has been your privilege to see and study, not alone to recall to your mind pleasant recollections of your voyage, but also with the earnest hope that in the near future we may hear from your own lips and in your own simple, yet inimitable, style, a more detailed account of the grandeur, beauty and interest of these historic places. Though absent from us in body, we knew that as you knelt at the throne of Christ's representative upon earth, or before the tomb of the martyred brave, we were not forgotten in your pious prayers and supplications.

And now, in welcoming you back from your perils o'er the sea, we thank God for the safe and prosperous voyage He has granted you, the success of your missions to the Eternal City, and humbly ask a share in that blessing which the Supreme Pontiff has been pleased to grant you and the flock entrusted to your care.

St. Peter's cathedral, Feb. 6, 1896.

In replying to the two addresses His Lordship stated that, while he had always loved his priests and people and regarded them as the apple of his eye, his appreciation for them would, if possible, be increased by the wonderful demonstration of the day on their part, which would stimulate him to work even more earnestly in their behalf than before.

When he was speaking to the Holy Father of the Church in Rome, the latter was delighted to hear that the young diocese of Peterborough was giving so much satisfaction. The Holy Father surprised him with the minuteness of his enquiry into details. He showed the same solicitude concerning the welfare of his people in the far away diocese of Peterborough as in those directly under his eye at Rome.

When His Lordship expressed to the Pontiff the loyalty in the hearts of the people for him, and spoke of the condolences for him in his afflictions and trials, the heart of the Holy Father was moved, and he desired him to express his gratitude to the people of Peterborough for their

REMEMBRANCE OF HIM

in his solitude, and to assure them that he would always entertain for them the same feelings of affection and love as he did for the diocese of Rome. He inquired into the catholicity of the diocese, the piety, devotion, attendance at Mass, attendance at religious duties and penances, respectful submissiveness and obedience of the people, and as to whether harmony prevailed amongst them and as to what steps were being taken regarding the education of the young for the Church.

When Bishop O'Connor, in reply to these inquiries, stated the satisfaction which the priests experienced in ministering in the different parishes, the Holy Father expressed his extreme happiness and bestowed his apostolic benediction upon all the families in the diocese.

"If I was able," continued His Lordship, "to submit a

REPORT SO SATISFACTORY,

it was owing to you, my beloved priests, and to the piety of my people in general."

In his travels Bishop O'Connor stated that he had seen much that was new to him and he hoped that he had also profited by his trip to Rome and learned much. Europe has been a new world to him, and he also had had an opportunity of visiting his native land, which he had left just fifty-four years ago. He had seen many signs of the extension of the true faith in his travels, particularly in the city of London. In France the grand temples and monuments of religion reared by the people in the past showed what the Catholic Church had done for civilization in bygone years. In Italy, the country of reminiscences, evidences of the struggle between the Christians and Pagans in olden times were still apparent in the ruined temples and over the Coliseum where the Christians were tortured by lions. On the site where the Pagan gods had formerly been worshipped the great Church of St. Peter now

REARED ITS SPIRES

When the Holy Father learned from Bishop O'Connor's lips that the Church in Ontario was living at peace with the brethren who had separated themselves, he was greatly delighted to know that all lived in harmony, and that the priests preached the gospel of peace, the gospel of love, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In closing, His Lordship assured the congregation that, although he had experienced great pleasure in passing through the different countries in his travels, his heart was always in Peterborough. When at the shrine of St. Peter's in Rome he had not forgotten his people, but had prayed for a blessing on them. Although the climate of Italy was mild, and although only a week ago Sunday, when he attended Mass in Gibraltar, the streets were being sprinkled, still it was with unalloyed pleasure that he welcomed the snows and storms of Canada again.

Before dismissing the congregation His Lordship promised at some future date to give his people an address of more length concerning the pleasures of his trip.

The Bishop officiated at the Benediction of the Holy Sacrament, after which the assembled clergy chanted the "Te Deum" in their thankfulness for the safe arrival home of His Lordship, and dismissed with the Apostolic Benediction.—Peterborough Examiner, Feb. 7.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

The following is from the Hamilton *Times* of Saturday last:

Yesterday afternoon the girls from Sacred Heart school and the boys from De La Salle Academy assembled with their teachers at St. Mary's Hall at 4 o'clock, to receive from His Lordship Bishop Dowling testimonials of merit given to those who were most successful this year in their school work. Right Rev. Mgr. McEvay, Fathers Brady, Mahony and Holden, and a number of the school trustees were also present. The following programme was carried out: Song of greeting, "Welcome"; song "Jingle Bells"; distribution of testimonials of merit by Bishop Dowling; Hymn to the Sacred Heart.

The following children were successful:

SACRED HEART SCHOOL.

Form V.—Misses E. Kehoe, M. Donohue, W. Roach, N. Corvie, S. Roman, E. Nelson, K. Cummings, B. O'Brien, M. Valentine.

Form IV.—Mary Maloney, Eva Walsh, Clara Smith, May McCrory, Katie Zingsheim, Mina Murray, Jennie Birrell, Gertrude Daly, Nellie Desmond.

Form III.—Alice Smith, May Smith, Minnie Schuler, Bertille Sullivan, Gertie Dillon, May Smith, Mary O'Connor, Mabel McLaughlin.

Form II.—Katie Goodwin, Jennie Moriarty, Irene Daly, May Joyce, Irene Ennis, Nellie Quilter, Maggie March, Libbie Smith.

DE LA SALLE SCHOOL.

Form V.—Austin McDonald, W. Mahoney, M. Browne.

Form IV.—Peter Maloney, Wm. Jamieson, Francis Fitzpatrick.

The Bishop praised the children for their sweet singing and congratulated those who had been fortunate enough to capture a testimonial for their good school work this session. He advised them to prize the testimonials they had received and he suggested that they might have them framed. In after years it would be a source of great joy to them to be able to look back on the time well spent at school. He said he had some prizes and merit gifts received in his school days over forty years ago, and he valued them beyond almost anything he possessed. After giving some good advice to the pupils he said he would be pleased to be present from time to time in the distribution of rewards of merit to encourage the children in their work. Right Rev. Mgr. McEvay and Father Brady congratulated the successful pupils on their good work, and urged the others to endeavor to capture the testimonials next month.

SAD DEATH OF FATHER EUGENE BLOEM, PARISH PRIEST OF NORTH BAY.

On the morning of Feb. 2, 1896, at 9:30, Rev. Father Bloem, while on his way to his mission, commencing at Sturgeon Falls, hurriedly ran from the express office, where he had been transacting business, to catch train No. 7, which was in motion. The Father (who, by the way, wore glasses), in attempting to board the train caught a rail of each car, and, in consequence stepped between the cars instead of on the car steps.

Conductor Reyn lds of train No. 7, C. P. R., who was also about to board his train, noticed the Father in his failure, and came to his rescue, and, while the conductor did a most amiable part, he failed to save life and limb, but he spared the Father from an immediate death. Father Bloem was immediately taken to Mattawa hospital by train No. 2, where his leg was amputated, also a portion of the other foot.

Much credit is due Mr. G. J. Bury, assistant Superintendent of C. P. R. at North Bay, who ordered a special Pullman car for the removal of the Rev. Father from North Bay to Mattawa hospital.

Fr. Bloem, who was Spiritual Adviser and member of Branch No. 61, C. M. B. A., North Bay, was accompanied by several members of above branch, to Mattawa. They remained with the Rev. Father until satisfied that he was in a fair way to recovery. But, alas! four hours later, Father Bloem experienced a change for the worse, and after having received the last rites of holy Church succumbed to the sad accident of the morning.

Much credit is also due the Mattawa people, and to Father Gendreau, O. M. I., P. P., of Mattawa, who was first, last and always by the side of poor Father Bloem.

May his soul rest in peace!

Mattawa societies C. M. B. A., C. O. F., and the order of St. Joseph, and the public in general, turned out *en masse*—there being about fifteen hundred people in procession—to convey Father Bloem's remains to the train which came on to North Bay.

The remains of the late Father were taken from North Bay to Peterborough, where the funeral took place on last Saturday morning.

The following persons were present at the funeral from the priest's late residence to the church on Wednesday, where the remains lay in state until Friday morning: Judge Valin, Nipissing District; Judge Doran, North Bay; Dr. McKnight, North Bay; Jno Parsons, Esq., North Bay; M. Brennan, mayor; Robt. Rankin, reeve; Jno. Loughrin, M. P. P.; Rev. Mr. Young, of the English Church; chief despatcher Hutcheson, C. P. R.; Thos. Reynolds, conductor, C. P. R.; Jno. Young, engineer, C. P. R.; Geo. Leach, engineer, C. P. R.; A. J. Browning, county crown attorney; David Pervis, Esq., North Bay; J. H. Devaney, director C. T. A., Toronto; Rev. Father Kelly, Powassan; Wm. McDonald, postmaster, North Bay; Mr. J. Philps, engineer, C. P. R.; Sheriff Varin, Nipissing District; barrister McNamara; barrister P. A. C. Larose; Jno. Bourke, Esq., North Bay; R. Bunyan, ex mayor North Bay; J. J. Mackay, B. M. Mulligan and Jno Blanchet.

The societies which followed the remains were as follows: The C. M. B. A. (55 members), C. O. Foresters (40 members), Ladies Altar Society (46 members), and the order of Sacred Heart (42 members).

The above order of procession was conducted by Mr. J. J. Shields, an old and personal friend of the late Father Bloem.

MARRIAGES.

BARRY-MURRAY.

The Church of the Sacred Heart, Paris, was the scene of an exceedingly pretty wedding on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when Mr. Thos. W. Barry, of Hamilton, and Miss Annie Murray, daughter of the late Thomas Murray, of Paris, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. J. Keough, V. G. The bride was handsomely attired in a suit of cadet blue broadcloth, trimmed with velvet and lace—with a hat to match. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Murray, sister of the bride, was gowned in green broadcloth, with velvet trimming, and carried pink roses. Mr. James Hickey, of Hamilton, supported Mr. Barry; and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Thos. J. Murray. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Murray, Church street, the bride's mother, only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom being present, among whom were Mr. Wm. Barry, Dundas; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arland, Hamilton; Miss Costello, Tilsonburg, and Miss McCardle, Hamilton. The numerous beautiful presents testify to the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Barry are held by their friends. The happy couple left on the evening train for the East, amid showers of rice and hearty good-wishes.

FLAHERTY-COADY.

At 6 o'clock on Monday morning last St. Mary's R. C. church was the scene of the wedding of one of Collingwood's fairest residents, in the person of Miss Kate Coady, eldest daughter of Mr. Patrick Coady, of St. Paul street, to Mr. John Flaherty. The bride is an amiable and popular young lady, as the large number of useful and costly presents she received attested, and a prominent member of the Catholic congregation. The groom is engaged as engine driver on the G. T. R., and is exceedingly popular with his fellow employees and a large circle of friends. Although the hour was early, yet the pretty church was filled by the friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Father Kiernan performed the marriage ceremony, and at the close the solemn nuptial blessing of the Church was pronounced on the newly made man and wife. The groom was supported to the altar by his brother, Mr. M. Flaherty; while the bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Nellie Coady. After the ceremony the participants and a few friends adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where breakfast was partaken of. The happy couple left on the 8:30 train for a short honey moon trip to Toronto, Montreal, and other places. On their return they will take up their residence on Simcoe street. They have the congratulations and good wishes of all who know them for their future welfare, and *The Bulletin* desires permission to join in fervent sincerity.—Collingwood Bulletin, Feb. 7.

OBITUARY.

MRS. THOMAS CURTIN, IRISHTOWN.

There passed from her residence in McKillop, on Tuesday, the 28th of January last, to her final resting-place, one of McKillop's oldest residents, in the person of Mrs. Thos. Curtin, *nee* Johanna Ryan. Mrs. Curtin came from Tipperary Co., Ireland, in 1846, to Toronto, where she remained for a few years before coming to Irishtown, where she resided till her death. She was one of those brave and spirited women who, fearlessly, cheerfully and successfully, faced and overcame the hardships and difficulties of a pioneer-life. Truly religious, possessed of that firm undying Irish Catholic faith, she accepted everthing—joy and sorrow alike—as presents from the hand of God. Of a genial and lovable disposition she endeared herself to all with whom she came in contract, and her truly Irish heart was ever ready to sympathize with and to succor those needing her assistance; in a word, she was one of those whole-souled, devout spirits whom the world is better for having known. As she lived, so did she die, thus verifying the words of the Scripture. She had just completed the devotion of the nine Fridays when attacked by the grip, which terminated fatally by failure of the heart. She had been sick but a few weeks when fortified by the sacraments of the Church she left this land of woe for her home beyond the skies. Over one hundred rigs followed her remains to their last resting-place in St. Columban's cemetery, Irishtown. She leaves a grown-up family of four sons and five daughters, together with the faithful partner of her years to mourn her loss.

MR. SIMEON HEALEY, LONDON, ONT.

Mr. Simeon Healey, late of Her Majesty's 78th Highlanders, died in London, Ontario, on the 19th of January last. He was born in the town of Tipperary, Ireland, and is a descendant of a good old Irish family, all his ancestors being military men. His father was the late Captain John Healy of Her Majesty's 6th Royal Irish Enniskillen Dragoons, and fought with Wellington at the battle of Waterloo. Mr. Simeon Healey, who was foster brother to the Rt. Hon. Geo. Matthews, Earl of Thomastown, Barony of Clan William, county of Tipperary, Ireland, went all through the Crimean war.

MRS. CATHERINE DILLON, RALEIGH.

On Monday, Feb. 3, after a short and painless illness, Mrs. Catherine Dillon, relict of the late Squire Dillon, of Raleigh, passed quietly away, at the advanced age of eighty-seven.

Born and brought up in Clare county, Ireland, she and her husband came to Canada in 1820. They first settled in the States, but after a short stay came to Kent county, settling in Raleigh, where she resided until her death.

Her funeral took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst., a very large procession accompanying her remains to St. Patrick's church. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McCabe. Mrs. Dillon was one of the earliest settlers in Raleigh, and from her kind and charitable disposition made many friends. She survived her husband three years. She lived a truly Christian life. One of her greatest pleasures was to remember that the first Mass celebrated in Raleigh was celebrated in her house. She died a happy death, fortified by the last rites of the Church.

She leaves three sons and four daughters—Messrs. James (a prominent citizen of Chatham), Matthew and Michael (of Raleigh), and Mrs. William Hickey, Merlin; Mrs. O'Rourke, Chatham; Mrs. Dooley and Miss Julia Dillon, of Detroit.

C. M. B. A.

Guelph, Feb. 4, 1896.

To the Ed. CATHOLIC RECORD:

At the last meeting of Our Lady's Branch, No. 31, C. M. B. A., held Jan. 27, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by C. C. Collins, seconded by Eugene Korman, that

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our late worthy and esteemed fellow-member, Brother Thomas A. Heffernan, and

Whereas by his death this branch loses a sincere friend, his wife a devoted husband, and his children an affectionate father, therefore be it

Resolved, that, while humbly submitting to the will of our Divine Redeemer, we desire to extend to the widow and family of our late brother associate our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained, but trust that the knowledge that he whom they and we mourn has entered into a better world than this one of sorrow, will enable them to bear with Christian fortitude the heavy cross placed upon them.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased and spread upon the minutes of the branch, and a copies sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD and *Canadian* for publication. Jas. Kennedy, Secretary.

Branch 50 Holds an Enjoyable Open Meeting.

Branch 50, of the C. M. B. A., held an open social meeting in their hall, 329 St. Antoine street, last evening, at which P. Sheridan, B. A., B. C. L., delivered a very interesting lecture on Education, in which he treated a system of education at the different periods of the world's history, and commented on the ideas held by the different authorities on education. He drew attention to the attitude which Catholics should take in the education of their children, on which depended all their future. A vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer, and his views were endorsed by Mr. T. J. O'Neill and Mr. T. M. Reynolds.

The following gentlemen took part in the entertainment: W. T. O'Mey, songs; D. Shea, comic songs, and J. J. Rowan, who was repeatedly encored. Chancellor T. J. Finn explained, in his usual clear and able way, the beginning and growth of the organization known as the C. M. B. A. He traced its progress, and showed the advantages of belonging to such an organization. He showed the wisdom of separating the financial responsibility of the Grand Council of Canada from that of the United States, as, during the time of their connection with the United States, the number of assessments reached as high as twenty two assessments in the year, while since separation the highest number had been fifteen.

Chancellor T. P. Tansey, in moving a vote of thanks, paid a high tribute to the work Mr. Finn had done for the association. Dr. Hackett endorsed all Mr. Tansey had said and offered to examine fifty applicants between now and May next, free of charge. This practical expression of interest was gratefully accepted.—Montreal Gazette, Feb. 6.

From St. John, N. B.

Mr. Richard J. Walsh First Vice-President of Branch No. 134, St. John N. B., has been re elected Treasurer of the Young Liberals' Club, at the annual meeting held in January.

There was a very pleasant gathering of the members of Branch No. 134, St. John, N. B., in their rooms on Wednesday evening, Jany. 29, on the occasion of the presentation of a well filled purse to the retiring Recording Secretary, Mr. John D. Burns, who is about to take up his residence in Halifax. There was a large attendance of the brothers, and President Tole occupied the chair. Brother Tole said it gave him great pleasure to present the gift of the members to Brother Burns, and spoke highly of the zeal, industry and unfailing courtesy with which the Secretary discharged his duties. Count DeBury, Ald. McGoldrick, Thos Gorman, Thos Kickham, T. O'Brien, W. Coples, F. Foster, J. E. Fitzgerald, and others added their tributes of praise to those of the President. Brother Burns thanked the members heartily for their evidence of good feeling, and said he always endeavored to do all he could for the benefit of the branch. On the departure of Brother Burns to Halifax the St. John branch loses one of its most active members. Brother Burns was the Secretary of the Reception Committee at the time of Convention in September, 1894, and attended to the duties of the office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

A writer in the London *Tablet* admirably states a point of Catholic doctrine when he says: "May we not hope that the time is fast approaching when Anglicans will come to realize the fact—clear as the noonday to every Catholic child—that the Church recognizes in the sense we have indicated, one sole Giver; that she looks upon the Blessed Virgin and the saints as Askers; and that in seeking their intercession we are not classing or comparing them with God in the quality of givers; but, on the contrary, we are classing or comparing them with ourselves in the quality of askers? In other words, the question which underlies our action and practice is never 'Whether is God or the Blessed Virgin more likely to grant?' but a very distinct one: 'Whether is the Blessed Virgin or ourselves more likely to obtain?' We have an impression that the prayer of Our Lady is likely, after all, to be something more perfect and more powerful than our own."