

C. M. B. A.

LECTURE BY THE SUPREME EMPLOY.

T. A. Bourque, of Windsor, supreme deputy of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, delivered an address on the objects and principles of the society, in the Grand Opera House a few days ago. The body of the auditorium was crowded, and a fair sprinkling of heads appeared above the gallery rail. His Lordship Bishop Carbery occupied the chair, and were seated on the stage Fathers Osgrove and Hildesheim, G. B. Ryan, Stantton, John Ross, John Byrne, Thos. Lawler, Dr. Higgins, P. Arland, Jos. Morin and M. Dunbar. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the chairman introduced the speaker of the day with appropriate introductory remarks. Mr. Bourque is not an eloquent speaker, but he is very much in earnest in everything he says, and makes up in this way what he lacks in the other direction. He gave an interesting account of the origin of the order. Some years ago a bell was wanted for the church at "The Queen's" last evening the suggestion of the reverend father in charge of the parish, a society was organized among the members of the congregation to buy the bell. After the bell had been purchased, the reverend father said it was a pity to break up the society, after it had been got in such a flourishing shape, and suggested that it be made a permanent benefit institution. In this way the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was organized. Since then it has spread through Canada and the States, and has now a membership of 12,000. The society is based on economic principles. It is a mutual benefit association; assessments are only made when death claims have to be met; no funds are kept to be fought over or stolen; no high-salaried men are hired to go out and organize; it has to depend on the exertions of individual members to be extended; every member has an equal interest in it; it gives a life insurance of \$3,000, and has all the advantages of secret societies with none of their defects. If a member is out of employment the society gets him work to do. It unites the members of the church and makes them bury all differences of race. The Irish, French and German members of the church meet and fraternize on the common ground of mutual help and dependence. The cost of insurance in the society is, he held, much cheaper than in a regular society. In the latter the average cost is \$22 a year for \$1,000 when the insured is say 30 years of age. In the C. M. B. A. a man can carry \$2,000 on his life for \$16 to \$18—less than half the cost for double the insurance. Every member gets dollar for dollar. Half of the assessments are not eaten up in employing high-salaried officers. In forming a real fund for the sick, there are no fines and no compulsory attendance. The society is based on purely economic principles, for the benefit of every member of the church. It has prospered, and will continue to do so. At the conclusion of his remarks hearty votes of thanks were moved both to himself and his Lordship Bishop Carbery.—Hamilton Times.

LETTER FROM ST. THOMAS.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Knowing the interest yourself and the readers of the CATHOLIC RECORD take in the welfare and furtherance of the roll book and general association, the C. M. B. A. you and they will be pleased to learn that our local Branch, No. 2, the second Branch established in Canada, by Bro. T. A. Burke, of Branch No. 1, Windsor, on May 5th, 1870, is in a flourishing state. At this date there are ninety-six members on the roll book, and some elected but not initiated to membership. Four beneficiaries, that is, eight thousand dollars, have been distributed among the families of the following deceased brothers, viz.: Brothers McCaffrey, Maher, Scallion and Kellis, illustrating the benefits of a membership in our grand association. The spiritual adviser, Rev. Father Flannery, takes an active interest in its welfare, and to this may be credited the prosperity of the Branch. The Deputy Crown Attorney lately appointed by the Ontario government for the county of Elgin, D. J. Donahue, is a member of the roll book and one of our grand standing in this Branch. Brother Donahue is one of the most successful barristers in this city, and fully capable of discharging the important duties of his position. He is a native of this county and was educated in this city. A better selection could not have been made for the office and it shows the wisdom of the ministerial authorities in their choice from among the many aspirants to the office. Mr. S. B. Pocock, our newly-elected president, fills the office in a business-like manner, and makes a worthy presiding officer. He performs his duties satisfactorily to all the members. Brother Pocock is a former resident of your city, and is proprietor of the leading boot and shoe business in this city. Hoping for the continued prosperity and a steady increase of membership in our C. M. B. A., and thanking you for the use of your valuable space.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P. L. M. EGAN, Rec. Sec. Branch No. 2, C. M. B. A., St. Thomas, Ont.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Resolved, That the members of Branch No. 3, of the C. M. B. A., mourn the loss of a valuable officer and member by the death of Chas. W. O'Rourke. Resolved, That the Branch will remember with gratitude the services of Bro. Chas. W. O'Rourke, in the offices of Trustee, Chancellor and Representative of the Branch to the Grand Council, acquitting himself with honor and fidelity. That his intercourse with his brother members has always been genial and courteous, and his official acts administered with care and impartiality. That this Branch condole and sympathize with the bereaved wife, fatherless children and afflicted relatives. Resolved, That the branch attend the funeral in a body. That our hall be profusely draped with mourning for the space of thirty days, and that a requiem mass be said for the repose of his soul at the expense of the branch, and that the pray-

BAZAAR IN SOUTH MARCH.

March, Feb. 30.—The bazaar recently held here has terminated most successfully. The object of the project was to raise funds to build a Roman Catholic church in this place. Much credit is due to Mrs. Thomas Martin, Mrs. Frederick and Miss Ryan, for the energetic way they started themselves to forward the project. The following is a list of the successful prize winners with the names of the articles won. Bracket, Mrs. J. O'Malley, Marchmont; damask table cover, Mrs. E. Shea; pillow shams, Mr. J. O'Malley, Marchmont; album, Ed. Kirwan, March; pair of vases, Sarah Whelan, Ottawa; wax images, Mary E. O'Hara, March; vases, H. Armstrong, Dunrobin; churning machine, Arthur Kosch, Calendar; ostrich feather, Miss Rooney, Fallfield; wax doll, Mrs. A. Whelan, March; silk cushion, Fanny Boucher, East; lamp and snuffer, S. Burke, South March; gold chain and locket, John Duncan, Aylmer; wool tides, Albert Bradley, Hazelton; ostrich feather, Wm. Wall, Ottawa; lace curtains, Lizzie Nash, Eardly; curvy comb and brush, B. Davis, Eardly; Father Sloan's desk, Mrs. W. Selsora, March; fancy quilt, Mrs. Manly, Ottawa; oil painting, Mrs. J. Beatty, Ballinvalle; perching pipe, Ed. Kirwan, March; silver butter dish, Maggie McCarthy, Ottawa; sewing machine, R. Davis, Dunrobin; china tea set, Mrs. Wm. Duffy, Eardly; lamp and John Monaghan. The total proceeds of the bazaar will be about fifteen hundred dollars. The church will be 75 by 46 feet with a sacristy 20 by 30, the contract for the erection of which will shortly be given. Father Sloan feels deeply gratified for the substantial assistance received.—Ottawa Free Press.

AN OTTAWAITE HONORED.

Ottawa Free Press, Feb. 18. Mr. Jos. F. Hanrahan was presented with an address and entertained at an oyster supper at "The Queen's" last evening by a number of his friends, on the occasion of his return from Liverpool, after having made a very successful ocean test of his ocean refrigerator. Mr. Hanrahan only arrived at eight o'clock by the C. A. R. and was considerably surprised to find a large and amicable gathering of his friends assembled to welcome and congratulate him on his achievement. Among those present were Mayor McDougall, Ald. Gordon, Ald. Dalgligh, A. F. McIntyre, E. Devlin, J. B. Kerville, J. McCabe, of the Patent Office, John Martin, H. G. Roche, Peter Dunn, John C. Enright, T. C. O'Rourke, Maurice Ahearne, Jas. O'Donnell, J. P. Dunn, T. Coffey, J. H. Spencer, J. Burke, J. Cummings, T. Hanrahan, R. Quinn, J. Devlin, M. J. Whitty, J. M. Mullin, John Esmond, and others. Mr. Daniels, of the Windsor House, Ald. Hutchinson and Ald. Gordon, were the guests of honor. The assemblage having been formally called to order His Worship Mayor McDougall, who occupied the chair, read the following address:—

Sir,—On behalf of your many friends and well-wishers in Ottawa, your native city, I take the great pleasure in extending to you a cordial welcome, which pleasure is materially enhanced by the knowledge already vouchsafed to me of the successful issue of the ocean experiment with your "automatic refrigerator."

Your inflexible courage and unshakable nerve in the scientific as well as in the commercial sphere stamp you with a degree of enterprise rarely found in so young a man, and is likewise very creditable to yourself and the city who boasts of your citizenship. Your charitable disposition and public spiritedness so often exhibited have won for you universal esteem.

It is, therefore, the ardent wish of your friends that your efforts will meet with that share of success which they richly merit. (Signed) FRANCIS McDUGALL.

Mr. Hanrahan was enthusiastically received on rising to respond. He assured his friends that their kind and hearty reception took him completely unawares, not having expected anything of the kind. He returned his sincere thanks for the complimentary allusions to him contained in the address. He related his experience with the refrigerator on the ocean voyage, and he was naturally happy to state that the contents were landed in Liverpool after a rough voyage, in such excellent condition as had never before been achieved by any other refrigerator. In proof of this he read a memo. from Alfred Dawson and T. Thompson, wholesale butchers of Liverpool, as follows:—

"We have this day received 42 quarters of beef, four carcasses of mutton, and four of pork, ex steamship Oregon from Portland, from your refrigerator fitted on the steamship, and it gives us great pleasure in stating that it has arrived in excellent condition and that we have not before seen any refrigerator so well landed in such good condition in Liverpool."

This announcement was received with applause. After some further interesting remarks concerning refrigeration, Mr. Hanrahan concluded by again returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him. (Applause.)

Immediately after Mr. Hanrahan had resumed his seat, he was handed the following telegram from the cattle exporters who have purchased the right of the refrigerator manufacturer:—

Toronto, Feb. 17. To J. F. HANRAHAN, Liverpool. Wired instructions to Portland. You must return there to-morrow. Get letter from us in morning explaining.

THOMPSON & DUNN. Mr. Hanrahan will return to Portland to superintend the placing of the refrigerators on board ship.

Full justice having been done to the editor and the cloth having been removed Mayor McDougall, in befitting terms, proposed the health of "Our Guest," which was drunk right heartily with a "For he's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Hanrahan acknowledged the compliment, after which congratulatory speeches were made by Ald. Gordon, A. F. McIntyre, Ald. Dalgligh, Edward Devlin and others. Songs were sung by Messrs. Roche and Dunne; a few other toasts, including the Mayor and corporation, were proposed, and a very enjoyable time was brought to a close at an early hour.

Our Lord's was not a Bible and tract-circulation method of saving men, one not only impersonal and mechanical, but also quite compatible with luxurious ease and self-indulgence, but one direct, personal, self-denying, that of the living voice speaking out of the fulness of a loving Christian heart.—Living Church (Anglican)

ONTARIO INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION (LIMITED)

Annual Meeting of Shareholders—Yearly Report—A Satisfactory Exhibit, etc. The general annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Investment Association (limited) was held in this city on Tuesday, the 18th inst. There were present: Messrs. Chas. Murray, president; Henry Taylor, manager; Richard M. Meredith, secretary; R. N. Curry, R. Brodie, B. W. Kidder, J. A. Wallace, Jas. G. Murray, J. Danahy, John A. Deas, A. T. McWhan, W. D. Pavy, G. W. Dana, John Burnett, and others. After the notice calling this meeting and the minutes of last annual meeting had been read and confirmed, the secretary read the annual report and financial statement, as follows: The Directors beg to submit their report and financial statement of the affairs of the association for the year ending Dec. 31, 1885. The continued depression in mercantile and manufacturing business has caused the accumulation of cash in the various monthly institutions under the control of the association to be unusually large. The result being keen competition for loans, and the consequent diminution of profits. Your Directors have pleasure in stating that, notwithstanding these somewhat unfavorable conditions, the association has succeeded in maintaining the usual half-yearly dividends of four per cent. equal to 10 per cent. per annum, and after payment of all expenses of management and financial statement, as follows:—

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BRANTFORD LETTER.

Mr. Michael Shanahan buried two daughters within a few days of each other last week. On Wednesday, Jennie, aged 14, was buried, a victim of diphtheria. An elder daughter, Lizzie, first had the disease but was almost recovered when the news of her sister's death, who had caught it from her, prostrated her so much that she lived but a few days, and grief is said to have caused her death. Jennie was buried on Wednesday, and on Sunday Lizzie, aged 18 years and 7 months, was laid in the grave. The father is a member of the St. Vincent de Paul society and of the C. M. B. A., and the members of both societies turned out in a body to attend the funeral. The church bell tolled for two hours in the afternoon. When the funeral reached the church it was met at the door by the members of the sodality, who accompanied the remains to the altar and back after the ceremony, bearing each a lighted candle and wearing the ribbon and medal of the society. The members of the sodality sent a funeral cross and anchor as a mark of affection; the shopmates of the deceased sent a crown; and one of her young companions a heart; all of which lay on the coffin. In the church, which was crowded, many were weeping bitterly for the young woman so much loved. The parents and friends sent a funeral sympathy for them in their affliction. Miss Kate Gleeson, daughter of Mr. James Gleeson, of this city, died at Chicago, on the 14th inst., and was buried here on the 18th. She was 24 years of age.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Joseph Bujas. It is with a feeling of more than usual regret we record the death of Mr. Joseph Bujas. He died at his late place on February 9th in the Hospital of St. Francis, N. J. Deceased was carried off at the early age of 24 years, and his death terminates a young life that was full of energy and promise. His remains were brought by his sorrowing father to this city for interment which was accomplished on Friday morning at 8 o'clock on Friday morning the cortege, which was very lengthy, proceeded to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass was sung by Rev. Father McGrath, after which the remains were conveyed to the cemetery. The pall-bearers, all his old acquaintances, were J. J. Behan, James Hogan, T. Gardiner, P. Tierney, W. Kilcainly and R. Tucker. The McSourley family, old Kingstonians, now living in New Jersey, done all in their power to comfort deceased in his last moments, and for which Mr. Peter Bujas and family desire to return to them their most grateful thanks. A beautiful cross of flowers, the gift of the McSourley boys, accompanied the remains as a slight token of their respect for his memory. R. I. P.—Kingston Freeman, Feb. 17.

Irish National League.

Mrs. Finlay McNeil, London, \$2.00; Mrs. Ann Grant, London, \$1.00.

Do You Owe for Your Paper?

Patrons of Catholic newspapers should remember that they are one of the thousands who are delinquent in their duty in remitting their subscription promptly. Think for a moment that printers are human; that they expect to get paid once a week; that paper bills, sent gas and water bills have to be paid monthly; that Uncle Sam will not deliver the Monitor in your homes on the credit system; he has no regard for person or position in this case; think if all subscribers are as delinquent as I am, how can this thing continue. A little attention to these things and we are sure there will be few delinquent subscribers on our books.

Among the recent conversions to the Church is that of Miss Margaret Everett, daughter of S. T. Everett, for many years city treasurer of Cleveland, O.

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PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP OF BONIFACE, CLAIMING THE JUBILEE. Alexander Antoninus Tache, by the Grace of God, and appointment of the Holy Archbishop of St. Boniface, Assistant to the Pontifical Throne, etc., etc. To the Clergy, laity and regular, religious communities, and beloved laity of diocese, health and benediction in Lord.

The Sovereign Pontiff in the accomplishment of His sacred duties, has given a new proof of the profound wisdom imparted by the divine assistance which guides and enlightens Him.

In His Encyclical Letter "Immortale Dei" dated 1st November, 1885, the Vatican Council reminds mankind of the basis on which Society rests and that much it is to the interest of the power to come nearer to Truth and to Christian model.

In order to set forth His views in full light, as well as to secure for us graces necessary to the fulfilment of duties which he recalls to our minds, so much clearness and wisdom, the Bearer of the Kingdom of Heaven, has most open the "Treasury of heavenly gifts which he is empowered to dispense. He decrees that in 1886 there be celebrated an extraordinary sacred year, and that what is promulgated throughout the whole Christian world by His Encyclical Letter "Quod auctoritate Apostolicae Sedis Decretum est."

The voice of the Universal Pontiff affirms that, to bring about a closer union of the Commonwealth with Truth, important to urge men on to the state of Christian virtue, for the State what the morals of