

FATHER McPHILIPS FUNERAL.

From the Caldwell Sentinel of Aug. 3 we copy the following reference to the late Rev. Father M. Phillips:

The funeral of the late Father Henry J. McPhillips, of Uptergrove, which took place Thursday, was largely attended by the clergy of the diocese and by the public generally. It was supposed that the wet, disagreeable weather of the past few days, which rendered the roads almost impassable, would have prevented many from attending who otherwise would have shown their last tribute of respect to the deceased priest, but, notwithstanding the bad roads and the stormy weather, more than two thousand people gathered, many of them from long distances.

The obsequies were attended by Protestants as well as by Roman Catholics, and people of every class and rank were represented.

Seventeen clergymen and four students were present, and the impressive ceremonial of the Church of Rome was given with full effect. Rev. Father Killeen, Tottenham, Bario, being the deacon, and Rev. Father Whalen, St. Catharines, the sub-deacon. The master of ceremonies was Rev. Father Hand, Toronto, while Rev. Vicar General McCann, Toronto, preached the sermon, his subject being "Death." It was an effort seldom excelled on such occasions for pathos and depth of tender feeling. The musical service was very impressive. It was conducted by Rev. Father Kihleder, Toronto, who presided at the organ. The plain chant was sung by Rev. Fathers Tracey, Toronto; O'Malley, Cambridge; Ruch, Toronto; and Messrs. M. C. Grand, Montreal; and Frank Doyle, Niagara University. Six of the clergymen present acted as pallbearers. The procession from the church to the grave was a very solemn spectacle, during the progress of which the choir sang the "Heno dictus."

Father McPhillips was well-known in Toronto. He was born at Milwaukee in 1862, and was educated in arts at Niagara University, and in theology at Laval, Montreal. He was ordained by Archbishop Lynch in 1885. He then labored for two years in Toronto, and for about eight years at Orangeville, and from there was appointed to Uptergrove, one of the most important rural parishes in the diocese. A keen worker, his health gave way under the strain, and he died of consumption. He was a man of fine literary tastes, of considerable culture, and the master of an elegant style of pulpit oratory. His library is reckoned as one of the best of the kind in Ontario.

Friday Meat Eating.

Chas. W. Purdy, equally eminent as a practical physician, and an author of standard medical treatises, knocks the last prop from under the jolly-fish Catholics whose stomachs are more delicate than their consciences and who think themselves unable to observe the Friday abstinence. Chief among the "Popular Errors in Living"—of which he writes in the "North American Review;" he places the meat eating propensity of Americans. "Excessive meat eating" he says "ages a man more quickly than any other excess except alcoholism." Most cases of primary Bright's disease (interstitial nephritis) and many cases of so called "heart failure" have been traced by careful observation to this source. Dr. Purdy is by no means a vegetarian, but he considers the Catholic law of abstinence on Friday decidedly wholesome for the body as well as the soul.

GRACEFUL LETTER WRITING.

Carelessness in Correspondence is Worse Than Shipshod Speech.

Who does not know the charm of a gracefully worded, legibly written note, with its wide margins, its clear black ink and dainty stationery?

An art, indeed, is the writing of such a massive and one that it behooves every woman to cultivate. A hastily-written line, betraying signs of haste and carelessness, and scrawled on an indifferent sheet of paper, is a poor compliment indeed to the recipient, and brings forth anything but flattering comment upon the writer.

Careless speech is quite bad enough, but the charm of the speaker may be so great as to disarm criticism. The note, however, stands on its own merit: "what is writ is writ," there is no graceful vivacity to plead for the writer, or coquetry of manner to distract attention from the errors coldly set forth in black and white.

Observe the utmost care then, ye feminine scribes, in inditing an epistle, whether to friend or foe, or lover.

Never send a letter in undress, so to speak, any more than you would present yourself in dishabille before your most formal and fashionable acquaintances. The one is quite as flagrant a breach as the other! — Philadelphia Record.

THE LA FRANCE APPEAL.

Deemerton, Ont., Aug. 16, 1897.

Dear Sir and Brother - I herewith send you an additional list of the names and location of branches that have responded to our appeal in behalf of Bro. George La Franco. Up to date ninety-four branches have responded.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN J. LOBSINGER, Rec. Sec. Br. 69.

Table with 2 columns: Branch No. and Amount previously reported. Lists branches from 178 to 100 with amounts ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

THE FILLION APPEAL.

St. Jean Baptiste, Man., Aug. 7, 97.

S. R. Brown, Esq., Grand Sec., C.M.B.A., London, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother—I herewith enclose a list of the branches which have answered our appeal in behalf of Bro. Zenon Fillion, since July 5th, last, to date.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH BARRIL, Rec. Sec. Br. 136.

Table with 2 columns: Branch No. and Amount previously reported. Lists branches from 189 to 75 with amounts ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

The poorest of the city poor should be colonized in a new country, where their bodies and minds will be purified by fresh air and new conditions and where the star of hope cannot fail to rise

above the horizon of their beclouded lives. The blood of a corrupted and degenerate race can only be revitalized by restoring it to the bosom of Nature. Cities are the grave of families. They devour men, while the country makes them. Any man can get out of a few rods of soil, by the labor of his own hands, more than enough for his own

support; and in such an occupation he is a man and not a thing. At the very moment while he is wresting from the soil the means of preserving his own life, he is absorbing the sunlight and the air, and storing up in his brain and brawn the energy which will make his descendants mighty among men.— Church Progress.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

September Assessments. Cotisations du mois de Sept. No. 11 & Special. Deaths. Décès. Nos. 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81.

The Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada. Le Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.

Secretary's Office, London, Sept. 1, 1897. Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby officially notified of the deaths of the following named brothers:

Table with columns: No., Name, Branch, Location, Admitted, Died, Cause of Death. Lists deaths of several members including John Rooney, Rev. E. Quigley, James Boyle, etc.

Deaths Nos. 70, 71 and 72 not placed in regular order, proof of death not having been received in time.

THE AMOUNT OF TWO ASSESSMENTS IS REQUIRED FROM EACH MEMBER—the regular No. 11 for September and a Special Assessment.

Les cotisations Nos. 70, 71 et 72 ne sont pas rapportées dans l'ordre régulier, la preuve n'ayant pas été reçue en temps.

LE MONTANT DE DEUX COTISATIONS EST REQUIS DE CHAQUE MEMBRE—la cotisation régulière No. 11 pour le mois de septembre et une Cotisation Spéciale.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for August, 1897. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéficiaires et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois d'Août, 1897.

Table showing Beneficiary Fund and Reserve Fund details for August 1897, including amounts on hand and received.

1897. Aug. 16, Benefits paid on account of / Bénéfices payés à compte de

Table listing beneficiaries and amounts paid, including W. V. Lynch, J. B. Lynch, J. A. McDermott, etc.

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893, to date. \$20,355 19

Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date. \$20,355 19

RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RESERVE.

Table showing Reserve Fund details for August 1897, including amount on hand and accrued.

Total. \$69,224 24

SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. of Canada: Aux Membres de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada

Brothers—The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 11 (September Assessment) and a Special Assessment, is given in compliance with Sections 7 and 8 of Beneficiary Fund Law; the legal notice of those regular monthly assessments is given in our Constitution. You must pay the regular No. 11 Assessment to the Fin. Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of Oct., 1897, and the Special Assessment on or before the 15th day of October. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of the regular No. 11 Assessment on or before the 3rd day of October, and the Special Assessment on or before the 21st day of October, accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 3, 9, 10 and 11 of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments.

Yours fraternally, SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

Fraternellement à vous, SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.