

RICK'S SOCIETY.—Estab-
March 6th, 1856, incorpor-
188, revised 1864, incorpor-
ick's Hall, 92 St. Alexan-
bet, first Monday of the
Committee meets last Wed-
Officers: Rev. Director,
Callaghan, P.P. Director,
Justice C. J. Doherty;
F. E. Devila, M.D.; 2nd
J. Curran, B.C.L.; Treas-
rank J. Green, Correspon-
etary, John Cahill, Res-
ecretary, T. P. Tansey.

RICK'S T. A. & D. SO-
Meets on the second Sun-
very month in St. Pat-
all, 92 St. Alexander St.
ely after Vespers. Com-
of Management meets in
l the first Tuesday of every
t 8 p.m. Rev. M. J. Mc-
Rev. President; W. P.
st Vice-President; Joo-
ing, Secretary, 716 St. An-
reet, St. Henri.

S T. A. & B. SOCIETY,
ed 1863.—Rev. Director,
her McPhail; President, D.
M.P.; Sec., J. F. Quinn,
Dominique street; M. J.
reasurer, 18 St. Augustin
Meets on the second Sun-
very month, in St. Ann's
rner Young and Ottawa
at 3.30 p.m.

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIE-
ized 1885.—Meets in his
Ottawa street, on the
day of each month, at
Spiritual Adviser, Rev.
lynn, C.S.S.R.; President,
rne; Treasurer, Thomas
Rec.-Sec., Robt. J. Hart.

ADIES' AUXILIARY, Di-
o. 5. Organized Oct. 10th,
eetings are held in St.
Hall, 92 St. Alexander,
rst Sunday of each month
m., on the third Thurs-
p.m. President, Miss An-
van; vice-president, Mrs.
llen; recording-secretary,
e Ward, 51 Young street;
ecretary, Miss Emma
76 Palace street; treasur-
Charlotte Bermingham;
Rev. Father McGrath.

DIVISION NO. 6 meets on
and fourth Thursdays of
h, at 816 St. Lawrence
l. Officers: W. H. Turner,
P. McCarl, Vice-President;
Quinn, Rec.-Sec.; James
St. Denis street; James
reasurer; Joseph Turner,
Secretary, 1000 St. Denis

OF CANADA, BRANCH
nized, 13th November,
anch 26 meets at St.
Hall, 92 St. Alexander
l. regular meetings for
a session of business are
ne 2nd and 4th Mondays
onth, at 8 p.m. Spiritual
tev. M. Callaghan; Char-
J. Sears; President, P.J.
ec.-Sec., P. J. McDonagh;
etary, Jas. J. Costigan;
J. H. Feeley, Jr.; Mem-
bers, Drs. H. J. Harrison,
onno and G. H. Merrill.

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NEWLY ELECTED SUPREME PONTIFF.

LONG LIVE PIUS X.

The Pope dies but the Church continues on till the end of time, for so Christ hath promised, and His word shall never be confounded. Two weeks had Leo XIII. of immortal memory, slept the sleep of the just in the tombs of the Apostles, when under the inspiration direct of the Holy Ghost, the Church selected his successor.

On August the fourth, at high noon, as the Angelus was ringing from three hundred steeples and domes over Rome, and the cannon from the Castle of San Angelo was booming across the Tiber, Joseph Sarto, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice was declared Head of the Church, Vicar of Christ on earth. On receiving the assurance of his election the new Pontiff took to himself the name of Pius X. The announcement was received with universal joy, and the newly-elected Pontiff of the Catholic world came forth upon the balcony of St. Peter's, and for a first time gave to the tens of thousands below, to Rome, to the world, his Apostolic Benediction. It was a sublime moment, and one that will remain historical in the annals of the Church. At that instant the promise of Christ seemed to be renewed, it came echoing down the ages, it reverberated amongst the seven hills, and it proclaimed in terms translated into facts that "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against her." And again the strain of centuries is heard, "I give to thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven," and again "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep," and still again, "Go ye forth and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," and still again, the promise to send the Holy Spirit to abide with His Church to be the illuminator and guide of His appointed Vicar on earth; and all these promises resounded once more in the ears of humanity, as the two hundred and fifty-fourth Pope, in an unbroken line from Peter, raised his Apostolic hand to bless the Church, the faithful, and the entire world.



HIS HOLINESS PIUS X.

you that all the strength of the nations, all the wiles of diplomacy, all the flights of ambition, all the speculations of interest can have any effect upon this great selection." If any think so, or have ever been weak enough to so think, let them ponder over the story of the Conclave that has just ended and learn that God, not man, that Christ, not Caesar, that the Holy Ghost, not human wisdom, must be calculated with when the question is one of selecting a successor to the representative of Christ on earth. Infallible Pope; infallible Church; the history of centuries, the story of unbroken chain of Apostolic succession.

Pius X., as Giuseppe Sarto, was born at Riese, in the Province of Venice, on the 2nd of June, 1835. Thus the new Pope is sixty-eight years of age. In 1878 when Leo XIII. ascended the throne, he was also sixty-eight years of age. At that time it was predicted that his reign would be short, for already he was an aged man, and had seen service of no ordinary character in the army of the Church Militant. But a quarter of a century of wonderful work of triumphs, of glory awaited him. He was destined to survive every one of the then princes of the Church—all save one, and to go down to the tomb after having accomplished more of great things than any other man of the century in which he lived, or in any other since the days of Gregory the Great. To-day it has been remarked that the advanced age of the newly-elected Pontiff may indicate a short reign. Who can presume to so predict? Who can calculate upon such a certainty? There is a quarter of a century and more ahead that may witness the accomplishment of other wonders in the world by Pius X. No more can man gauge the probable length of the reign than he could imagine who would have been selected a few days ago. Once more, we repeat, the Church was founded by Christ; He guides her; Omnipotence selects the infallible Head of that imperishable institution; and the same Divinity marks out the limits of a Pontiff's reign, the duration of his control over the Spouse of Christ. We have nothing to say, nothing to do in the matter. Our duty is limited to prayer and to obedience. It is for us to obey the mandates of the Vicar of Christ, to accept his infallible teaching, to follow, as well as our powers and rights will permit, his ordinances, and to submit our will with confidence to his guidance. And combined with that duty of obedience we have the obligation of prayer and in the fulfilment of that duty we humbly bow down, unite our lowly voice with those of the two hundred and fifty million Catholics, throughout the world, and beseech God, in His goodness and greatness, to grant long years, in health and strength to the new Pontiff, that he may continue the work of his glorious predecessors and bring the Church in triumph, through tempest and calm—and in that spirit from the depths of our hearts do we cry out "Long Live Pius X."

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When the news was heard in England surprise was expressed and the question was asked "who is Sarto?" Ah! the answer is simple, he is the elect of the Church, he is the one whom, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the united princes of the great hierarchy selected as Vicar of Christ, he is the infallible doctor and guide of humanity along the avenue that leads to eternal salvation. Who was he? It matters not. He was the one upon whom the finger of Christ had been laid and whom the Eternal Wisdom of God had set apart to become the Pilot on the Barque of Peter. He was not one of those whom the world expected to see elected. No, nor has the world ought to do in that selection.

The election of Cardinal Sarto is one of the grandest proofs that could be desired of the impotency of all human calculations, the futility of all human speculations, the nonentity of all human combinations, when the matter is one affecting the perpetuity of the Church of Christ.

Not in all the Papal elections of centuries back has such a lesson been given to the world. The press, that mouth-piece of the erring, the guessing, the uncertain, filled column after column with accounts of the cabals, the combinations, the political influences exercised, the sym-

thies of individuals, the desires of governments, the sundry efforts of this or that faction; and all that has gone up in smoke, as thin, as easily dissipated as the tiny column from the Sistine Chapel chimney that told of the election.

Where are all the powers of earth with their weight? The men of the hour that had calculated the chances of the different ones eligible? The compacts supposed to be formed around a group of names that were paraded through the press as the most likely to be in the race for the tiara? All "vanity of vanities," all so many vain attempts to fathom the mystery that veils from mortal knowledge the designs of God. In the sacred language of Holy Writ we are told that "The first shall be last and

the last shall be first;" we are told by the Almighty that the "humble shall be exalted;" we are told that the Spirit of Wisdom would come, in the fires of Pentecost, and fill the Church with God's own volition and that the ways of men would not be the ways of God.

During all these days we have read, and smiled over, the prophecies that multiplied like sands on the beach; we read the lists of the Cardinals most likely to receive the final appointment; we followed the long story of the influences that various governments and powers would bring to bear; we took in the accounts of the different countries; and all that time we said, in our own heart—"poor, vain, foolish humanity, think