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A Re-union.
A grand C. M. B. A. re-union will be held in Ottawa June 4th. Branches 50 and 54 of Montreal are getting up an excursion to Ottawa, where they intend, with branches 28 and 29 of Ottawa, to give a grand dramatic entertainment in the Opera House. A large contingent from the other two branches in Montreal, as well as the Cornwall branch, are expected to be present.
This is the first of a series of re-unions which we hope to see inaugurated among the members of the C. M. B. A. in Canada.

At a regular meeting of French No. 39, Neustadt, the following resolution of congratulation was moved by Bro. Lang, seconded by Bro. Schwan, and unanimously adopted.

Whereas, our esteemed fellow member, Brother Aloysius Brohm, having entered into the holy state of Matrimony by it Resolved, That we the members of Branch No. 39 extend our congratulations to our worthy brother and his respected lady.

Resolved, That we desire to express the hope that they may long live to enjoy a life of unbroken felicity, that no cloud may darken the brightness of their most sanguine expectation, and that as they float down the sea of life, they may be surrounded by the choicest blessings of our heavenly Father.

The members of Branch No. 39 attended Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carleton Place, on Sunday the 8th inst., receiving Holy Communion in a body from the hands of the pastor, the Rev. F. A. Rasetti, who, at the gospel, complimented them on the truly Catholic principle they were carrying out and upholding in approaching the Blessed Sacrament in such a manner.
A. F. McDONALD, Sec. Branch 39.

Funeral of a Montreal Brother.
The funeral of the late Sergeant Patrick Crowe of Montreal, took place from his late residence, No. 104 Lagache street on the 10th to St. Mary's church, where a grand requiem high mass was celebrated, the Rev. Father Salmon, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, officiating. After mass the Rev. Father Salmon made some very complimentary comments on the good qualities of the deceased, more particularly as to his status as a father and husband in making provision for his family after death by belonging to that good association, the C. M. B. A. Preceding the requiem, the members of Branch 26 of the C. M. B. A. of which the deceased was second vice-president, and representatives of branches 41, 50 and 54 of the same association. There was also a platoon of police under Sergeant Cambridge. Besides this there were present Ald. Jesuette, Chief Parelli, Sub Chief Lacey, Sergeants Beatty, Horne, De Cormick, in uniform, and seven other sergeants and a number of constables in plain clothes. Detectives Murphy and Cullen were also present, as well as a large number of private citizens.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record Entertainment at Barrie.

On last Monday evening, May 9th, the members of Branch 51, C. M. B. A., gave an open meeting with about one hundred and fifty of their friends assembled to listen to the entertainment. At 8:30 o'clock the following programme, which was arranged by Mr. O'Mara, was begun. Very Rev. Dean O'Connor performed the duties of chairman in a very efficient manner. The introduction, chorus, "O Glorious," by St. Mary's choir, was well received. A duet, "Life's Dream is O'er," was sung by Miss Stephens and Mr. O'Mara, in a style becoming such a beautiful sentiment. Mr. Clayton, who is always a favorite in Barrie, sang in his usual pleasing manner "My Father's always Poor." A chorus, "Men of Harb," was sung by the choir, and received well-merited applause. Mr. Devany, of Toronto, sang "The Scout" in good style, describing a rousing encore, when he sang Joe Murphy's famous song, "A Handful of Earth." Miss Lizzy Ryan, a little girl, sang "I Cannot Sing To-Night," playing an accompaniment on the guitar, and her singing elicited great applause. A reading from Dickens' Pickwick Papers was given by Mr. J. Rogers and created much laughter. Miss Kavanaugh sang very sweetly "The Dear Little Shepherd." A chorus, "Sunrise," by the choir, was sung very creditably. Mr. Devany sang a comic with such acceptance that another song was demanded of him, when he sang "Home Rule for Ireland." One of the chief features of the evening was a reading, "An Engineer's Story," by Miss T. Smith. This young lady entered so heartily in her selections that one could almost imagine the scenes portrayed before him. The Very Rev. Dean O'Connor spoke for about fifteen minutes, setting forth the advantages that were received by those who were members of the C. M. B. A. He reviewed the work of the association since its first organization, showing the amount of good work performed by it every year. He pointed out not only the benefits received in a pecuniary sense, but also those received in a literary sense, and closed his brief though eloquent address by advising all Catholics who were eligible for membership to enter in their application at once. The choir then sang the closing hymn "Mother Dear," after which the meeting dispersed. The members of Branch 51 feel much elated over the success of their first venture, and very grateful to those who took part in the proceedings.
JOHN ROYAN, Secretary.

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St. Michael's Palace, Toronto, 18th March, 1887.
The People's Publishing Co., Toronto.
GENTLEMEN,—I have pleasure in congratulating you on your noble enterprise in publishing in Canada the inimitable verses of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., and I wish you every success in carrying it out.

Faithfully yours,
JOHN JOSEPH LYONS,
Archbishop of Toronto.

Bishop's Palace, London, March 21, 1887.
The People's Publishing Co., Toronto.
GENTLEMEN,—Allow me to congratulate you on your enterprise in publishing the Latin verses of His Holiness Leo XIII., with a translation of them into English verse. His Holiness is perhaps the most classical writer of Latin now living, and his Latin verses being considered masterpieces in their way, doubtless will interest classical scholars, whilst their rendition in English verse will have an interest for readers generally. I trust your enterprise will meet with the encouragement it deserves.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN WALSH,
Bishop of London.

I have read some of the Poems with exquisite pleasure in the original Latin and the English version. The translators have brought out the sense of the original author vividly in classic English. The publishers are to be congratulated on the elegant form in which the Poems are presented to the public.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES VINCENT CLARY,
Bishop of Kingston.

Archiepiscopal Residence, Ottawa, March 24th, 1887.

The People's Publishing Co., Toronto.
GENTLEMEN,—I wish you every success in the sale of the new work you have published entitled: Poems of Leo XIII. I am sure that many Catholic families will be glad to have a book which will remind them of the Vicar of Jesus Christ and of his great talents as a writer.

Yours respectfully,
J. THOMAS DUBARRE,
Archbishop of Ottawa.

St. Patrick's, Montreal, April 6th, 1887.

The People's Publishing Co., Toronto.
GENTLEMEN,—I beg to congratulate you on bringing out a Canadian edition of the Poems of His Holiness Leo XIII. Whilst the classic Latin text will afford to the scholar an intellectual treat of a high order, the general reader will find in the faithful and elegant English version a pure and elevated pleasure such as few books of poetry produce. In reading them one feels that he enjoys the privilege of familiarity with a great and holy man. The reading public will owe the publishers a heavy debt of gratitude for placing within their reach these very choice poems.

Yours respectfully,
P. DOWN, Priest.

Windsor, March 22nd, 1887.

The People's Publishing Co., Toronto.
GENTLEMEN,—As an admirer and devoted son of Pope Leo XIII., allow me to congratulate you upon the publication of a Canadian edition of the Poems of His Holiness. I am sure all classical scholars in the land will do themselves the pleasure of procuring a copy of this masterpiece of Latin verse. Yours truly,
J. T. WAGNER, P. P.,
Dean of Windsor.

REV. DEAR FATHER,—I am happy to learn that the translation, by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus at Woodstock, Md., of the Latin poems of His Holiness Leo XIII., is being received with such favor as to warrant the issue of enlarged editions.

These Poems, above criticism by reason of the master hand revealed in the original, and rendered into English idiomatic and strong whilst flowing in graceful rhythm will, I trust, find a yet wider circle of readers among Catholics and even non-Catholics of the United States. Believe me, Dear Father, faithfully yours in Christ,
JAMES CARD GIBBONS,
Baltimore, Feast of St. Gertrude, Nov. 15, 1886.

Rev. Chas. Piccirillo, S. J.

Woodstock College, Howard County, Md.

GENTLEMEN,—It will be a satisfaction for you to know that I have had the Holy Father's permission to edit his Latin verses, together with the English translation. He even deigned to send me through Rev. Fr. Corradini, S. J., the editor of the *Officina Catholicorum*, in some two poems, recently written by him, which are not to be found in former editions. He also allowed me to dedicate the new edition to himself. The translation was presented to His Holiness by Cardinal Mazzella, from whom I received the following letter.

Wishing you every success in your undertaking, I am, gentlemen, most respectfully yours,
CHARLES PICCIRILLO, S. J.,
Prof. and Prefect of studies in Woodstock College, Formerly editor of the *Officina Catholicorum* in Rome.

Rome, 21st November, 1886.

REV. DEAR FATHER,—As soon as they arrived, I handed the copies of his verses to the Holy Father. He was highly pleased with them and ordered me to send his special blessing to the College of Woodstock, and a most special one to those who shared in the labor of translating and editing this book. He promised me also that he would send a letter, accompanied with a medal to the publishers. Your affectionate servant in Jesus Christ,
C. CARD. MAZZELLA.

From George Stewart, Jr., LL. D., M. R. S. C. F. R. C. S., Toronto.

The People's Publishing Co., Toronto.
DEAR SIRS,—I have had great pleasure in examining your edition of Pope Leo's poems. The author is a very human and striking poet, and his verses reveal much tenderness of feeling and deep sympathy with mankind in all its relations to society.

The metrical translation into English of these tuncful Latin stanzas is executed with taste and expression and none of the spirit of the original is lost—a rare quality in work of this sort.
I am, sirs, yours sincerely,
GEORGE STEWART, JR.

(See advertisement for canvassers elsewhere in the RECORD)

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC'S REPORT.

Montreal Herald, May 12
The report of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, submitted at the general annual meeting yesterday, states that during the year the company completed its contract with the Government, and on the 10th November last a further agreement was entered into which provided for the acceptance by the Government of the work executed by the company as fulfilling the conditions of the contract, and for the transfer to and the acceptance by the company of the portions of the road constructed by the Government, subject, however, to the adjustment of certain deficiencies in the contract.

The report, provided for the payment to the company of the balance of the cash subsidy, and for the release of \$4,000,000 of the \$5,000,000 of the company's land grant bonds held by the Government under the original contract. The \$4,000,000 land grant bonds are now held by the company. The gross earnings for the year were \$1,081,803, the working expenses (62.26 per cent.) \$6,378,317, leaving net earnings (37.74 per cent.) \$3,703,486. Deducting fixed charges, \$3,068,041, there is left a surplus of \$635,444. A certain portion of the surplus is to be paid to the Government as interest on the \$1,000,000 of 1886 accounted to \$236,408.31, including 14,959.718 acres land valued at \$2 per acre. The total liabilities, including capital stock, funded debt, accounts payable and land grant bonds outstanding, amounted to \$117,069,916, leaving a nominal surplus of assets over liabilities of \$109,305,716. On the 1st July next, when the St. Lawrence bridge and the extension of the Ontario and Quebec railway from Smith's Falls to Montreal and from Woodstock to London will have been turned over to the Company and provision made for the new terminals in Montreal and Toronto, the total liabilities of the Company will amount to \$134,484,019, and the annual fixed charges to \$3,492,600. To represent this liability the company will have 4,651 miles of railway, their commercial telegraph system, 15,000,000 acres of agricultural lands, subject to certain bonds, and the United Kingdom equal to any now crossing the Atlantic. The company "confidently expect that the necessary steps to this end will be taken immediately." The report states that settlements have advanced on the main line far beyond Lake Nipissing; that the grain trade of the St. Lawrence is steadily increasing; that the elevator storage capacity at Montreal having been increased to 1,200,000 bushels; that the general traffic has about doubled since 1884; that the mining and grazing interests on the line have shown wonderful developments, etc. The report states that the St. Lawrence bridge will be open for traffic in six weeks, and the line from the bridge to St. Johns, P. Q. will have been extended to a connection with the South Eastern railway, thus connecting with the Boston and Lowell, "affording the shortest possible line to the Atlantic seaboard." The contract with the Government for building the Short Line from Sherbrooke to Montreal, Megantic to connect with the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia railway system, is described. For this line permanent track rights have been secured over the Main Central to Vancouver over the New Brunswick boundary, where connection is made with the New Brunswick Railway. The same contract provides for the construction of a line from Fredericton to Moncton. The lines from the St. Lawrence bridge to the Maritime Provinces are owned by the Atlantic and North-West, which has been leased in perpetuity to the Canadian Pacific. The saving in distance compared with Montreal and St. John, N. B., as compared with the Intercolonial, will be 279 miles, and this line will be completed by the end of the present year. Before the next annual meeting, says the report, Canadian Pacific trains will run from Halifax to Vancouver, connecting with Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul will be opened; the Boston line, affording connections with all New England will be fully established; "and it is expected that the Ontario and Quebec, which is of almost equal importance to the main trans-continental line itself, will have secured an independent working connection with Chicago and the United States, making a new trunk line between Chicago and the Atlantic seaboard at least equal to its older competitor." The report on the whole is fitted to inspire the highest hopes of the future of this great enterprise.

Charity Bazaar, Essex Centre.

The Catholics of Essex Centre, in the county of Essex, being few in numbers and feeble in purse, and having done their best towards building a Catholic church in that thriving village, are constrained to appeal to the charitably inclined Catholics of Canada for assistance. And, therefore, respectfully call the attention of all such to their Bazaar, the drawing of prizes for which will take place at Essex Centre on July 1st, 1887. We beseech all who receive our Bazaar tickets to do what they can to help them, as by so doing they will be helping the souls of the poor and needy missionary work. Send all money and coupons to Rev. John O'Connor, Maidstone, Ont.

LETTER FROM ALMONTE.

The ailes and floors of St. Mary's Church are to be carpeted shortly in anticipation of the pastoral visit of His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa. A fitting reception will be tendered to Our Lord, as it will be his first visit to our town since his elevation to the Archiepiscopal dignity.

AN ELOQUENT SERMON.

At the Gospel at Grand Mass on Sunday last, Rev. Father Foley, our popular parish priest, preached an eloquent and instructive sermon on the "Evils of Our Lord," which was one of the rev. gentleman's best efforts, which is saying a good deal, as his sermons are always replete with eloquence and instruction, and delivered in a manner which carry effect to the hearts of the faithful. In the course of his brilliant discourse Father Foley took occasion to warn Catholics against the evils of reading books—books against faith, light literature and novels, which can do no good and may do a great deal of harm in weakening the faith of Christians—that faith, the most precious gift of God, which is inspired by the Holy Ghost and contained in the scriptures, is the teaching of Catholicity. The Church of God was the best judge in matters of this kind, and if any were in doubt as to what they should read it was an easy matter for them to seek the advice of the Church teaching, or in other words, the pastors of the parishes, who were instructed by the Holy Ghost, and who, in the teaching of the Sovereign Pontiff and Bishops of the Church. The first of these evils Father Foley likened to the knocking of the foundation from under a house. Once it was removed the whole building trembled and fell. And it was with the reading of books against faith, with which the country is flooded. They tended to weaken the foundation of Christian faith, and the mind, listening to the false doctrines of immoral or profane writers, in time brought about the destruction of the soul. Light literature and novels, though not so bad, could not possibly do any good. They filled the mind with romantic ideas, and kept those who had become slaves to their polluted pages up night after night, usurping their time and detracting their attention from their duties to the Church and faith—that precious faith which was given to St. Peter and his successors, and handed down to us through generations of holy and pious Popes. These works were forbidden by the Church, and heeding the voice of the Church we were but obeying the commands of God and fulfilling our duties as Christians and Catholics. O, then, should we not strive, gifted as we are, with the true faith, to obey the commands of the Church, that we may one day, as Father Foley said in his closing remarks, be able to enter the eternal kingdom of rest, which has been prepared for us, and where our joy will be perfect.

SUCCESSFUL LAW STUDENT.

It is a matter of great gratification to us to be able to announce the success of Mr. W. H. Stafford, son of our popular townsman, Mr. Henry Stafford, in his second intermediate examination before the Law Society of Toronto, recently. Friend Will had a very successful career since he commenced the study of law. He has never yet been "plucked,"

OBITUARY.

Mrs. McDonald, East Williams.

On Wednesday, May the 6th, 1887, after a brief illness, at the residence of her son, Donald McDonald, 12th concession East Williams, died Sarah, beloved wife of the late John McDonald, at the advanced age of 53 years. Mrs. McDonald was an amiable, pious and virtuous woman, beloved and respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. During life she lived in peace and good will towards all men, and at the last moments God rewarded her with an easy and peaceful death, fortified by the sacraments of the church which she loved and served so faithfully during life. Mrs. McDonald was born in South Oulet, Scotland, and settled in the Township of East Williams, thirty-nine years ago, when that township was one vast wilderness. She had to contend with many difficulties in her Canadian home. After living thirteen years in East Williams she lost her beloved husband. God called him to Himself. She had a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters. Two sons and one daughter are now living. From the time her husband died until her death, she lived with her son Donald. The deceased was buried in the Catholic cemetery, 11th, leaving Mr. D. McDonald's residence at ten o'clock a. m., and on approaching the Catholic Church, Borsini, was met by the pastor, the Rev. Father McRae, accompanied by scolytes and a funeral procession, who on intoning the usual solemn Mass, the Rev. Father, in the presence of the church, having offered up to God the holy sacrifice of the mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased, the Rev. Father McRae preached a Gaelic sermon to the large concourse of people who had assembled, filling the church. His exhortation on the immediate necessity of prayer for the dead, that they are strong and in good health and capable of using the talents and faculties which the Almighty God had given us, seemed to effect all present, for he was listened to with marked attention. Having said the *Litany* and other prayers usually read for the dead, the Rev. Pastor, accompanied by scolytes and a choir of scolytes, led a funeral procession from the church to the grave, where many relatives, friends and sympathizing acquaintances were present. May her soul rest in peace.

Handsome Recognition.

The many friends of Mrs. MacGillis, a teacher in St. Helen's school, Brockton, Toronto, will be pleased to learn that at the recent distribution at the Normal School, Toronto, by their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne, of the honors granted by the Commissioners of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, London, England, in connection with the Toronto Art School Exhibit from Ontario, she was the recipient of a Bronze Medal and a Diploma, in recognition of the excellence of her work, which formed part of the exhibit, and consisted of studies in drawing, painting and modeling. A cast of the Madonna and Child, in relief, received special notice. In addition to this, Mrs. MacGillis has executed a bust of the late lamented Bishop Jamot, which those who were familiar with His Lordship pronounce to be not only an excellent likeness of the deceased prelate, but a finished work of art as well. The recipient of these honors is sister of Mr. Mark Kelly, Jarvis street. She is to be congratulated upon the excellence to which she has attained, and her success is proof that Canada possesses native talent of a high order.—Irish Canadian.

BOOK NOTICES.

Beniger Bros., New York, have just published, in elegant style, the life of the Rev. Mother St. John Fontbonne, founder and first Superior-General of the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Lyons. The book is translated from the French by Abbe Rivarx. A brief history of the congregation of St. Joseph in this country is also given. Price \$1.50; free by mail.

Protestant Minister's Testimony.

The Rev. M. M. Mangarain, a Protestant clergyman of Philadelphia, in a recent discourse paid this tribute to the Catholic Church: "Catholicism has a wonderful history in the world. It is the most distinguished type of Christianity existing to-day. There are countries where the Protestant missionaries have not yet thought of setting their feet, but have been covered by Catholic missionaries long ago. There is no hiding the fact that the Catholic Church has done an infinite amount of good. The Church has, in the first place, produced a book, a complete unique book, the Bible. We must never forget that through her instrumentality we possess such a work. The Catholic Church has created a Christian world. The Catholics are true in their devotion. They go in thousands to church as early as five o'clock in the morning. "No other religion will do this."—*Union and Times.*

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which the young man courting legal lore dreads so much, and has always stood well on the lists of those who were successful in the three examinations which he has already passed so creditably. His last examination argues well for his further studies when he goes up next year for his solicitor examination, and reflects credit upon his abilities as a coming barrister, who is destined, no doubt, with the will of an all-wise Providence, to adorn the Catholic Bar of Canada. Mr. Stafford is a student in the office of Messrs. Dowdall & Fraser.

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