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It is to be hoped that this matter will be fully gone into at the next convention. It is a subject worthy of the serious consideration of every branch. Many are of the opinion that more business would be done if there were less delegates.

I remember that at one convention it was hard work to get the floor to say a few words, and that the only thing some of the delegates did there was to make considerable noise. Another matter that has often occurred to the writer is: If our good priests and pastors, who are members, and also those who are not, would once in a while say a few words from their pulpits, the membership would show a grand increase, and many Catholic families would be left better provided for when cruel death strikes down their bread winner. It would put new life and energy into many branches that at present, while not dead, are, I fear, soundly slumbering.

With best wishes for the success of THE CANADIAN, which is certainly a credit to you,

Believe me, yours fraternally.

JAMES BATTLE

Thorold, Ont., Sept. 26, 1899.

BRO JOHN C. O'MULLIN REMEMBERED.

Presentation and Speeches.

On the evening of September 21st the rooms of the Young Men's Literary Association, of Halifax, N. S., were crowded to do honor to one of their esteemed members, John C. O'Mullin.

E. M. Monaghan took the chair, and called the meeting to order. He said it was always the custom in the Association, when one of its members entered the learned professions, to remember it in some appropriate manner. Many men had been honored by the Association, among whom were: Sir John Thompson, Judge Meagher, Senator Power, J. N. Lyons, Q. C., P. C. C. Mooney, W. A. Lyons, W. B. Wallace, M. P. P., W. W. Walsh, W. F. Doyle and others, but perhaps none was deserving of so much homage at the Association's hands as Mr. O'Mullin, whose indefatigable efforts in the past had left indelible traces of benefit to the organization, and through whose earnest denunciation of a scheme some months ago that the Association should disband kept the little band together and the Association still lives.

Mr. Monaghan then presented Mr. O'Mullin with two handsomely bound volumes of Roscoe's Nisi Prius, and a barrister's bag.

Mr. O'Mullin rose to reply amid great applause, thanking the members in those happy terms characteristic of the gentleman. He said he knew full well that he had the most cordial wishes of success from every member of the Association, which good fellowship the Y. M. L. A. should feel proud of, as it reflected much credit on an association whose fraternal motives suffered it to launch its members into any state of society with such manifestations as those shown on this occasion. He was proud to belong to an association where such good fellowship and good will reigned. He assured them, that although he might not be a brilliant success at the bar, still he would deport himself in such a manner as a barrister that the Association could proudly say he still bore the training and education derived from within the Association walls.

W. A. Lyons was the next speaker, and his remarks were certainly complimentary and eulogistic of Mr. O'Mullin.

W. F. O'Connor, who was previously honored by the Association in a similar manner, paid a glowing tribute to Mr. O'Mullin. Among those present was Brother Findlay Macdonald, Organizer of the C. M. B. A., who delivered an eloquent and witty address.

Several other gentlemen spoke, after which refreshments were served, and the gathering broke up.

OBITUARY.

DR. J. E. A. METHOT, THREE RIVERS.

The ancient city of Three Rivers, Que., has lost an esteemed citizen, and the Medical Faculty a member whose ability and character reflected credit upon it, in the demise, in the prime of his manhood and of his usefulness, of Dr. J. E. Alphonse Methot. His death took place rather unexpectedly, after undergoing an operation, on the 4th inst. His funeral—one of the largest witnessed there for a long time past—comprising all classes, nationalities and creeds, and amongst them delegations from the C. M. B. A., Catholic Foresters and other religious organizations, as well as the numerous floral and spiritual offerings, amply testified to the hold his skill and courteous manner had taken on the citizens and to the esteem in which he was held by all classes. The spiritual bouquets were particularly remarkable. They came from the Ursulines, the Sisters of Providence and of the Precious Blood, and from a host of private friends, in Misses, Rosaries and other expiatory prayers and good works. He leaves a widow and five little children to mourn his untimely end, and to join with his many friends in praying God to have mercy on his soul. R. I. P.

JAMES J. PHELAN, ARTHUR

An old and highly respected resident of this vicinity, James J. Phelan, died at his home on Wednesday morning, 27th ult. The deceased had lived in this county nearly all his long and honorable life. He was a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, coming to this country with his parents over forty five years ago, and settling in Guelph. He afterwards removed to Fergus, where for many years he successfully carried on the manufacture of fanning mills. He was universally respected there, and occupied many honorary positions, among others being a very useful member of the village council. About fifteen years ago he gave up his business in Fergus, the large manufactories making his business unprofitable, and removed to Arthur, carrying on the undertaking business here successfully ever since. The deceased had not been in good health during the past year or so, but no immediate danger was anticipated. On Monday of this week he was attacked with an old complaint, passing quietly away yesterday.

The late Mr. Phelan leaves three daughters, four sons and two sisters to mourn his death. The daughters are Mrs. Goetz, Hensall; and the Misses Fitzsoeth and Mary Regis, the latter residing at home and the former with her sister, Mrs. Goetz. Another daughter, a Sister of St. Joseph, at "Mount Hope," London, who was known in religion as Sister Thecla, died a couple of months ago. The sons are James, John, Frank and Joseph, all being in the States, except the latter, who assisted the deceased in

his business. The two sisters that survive are Mrs. D. McIntosh, Arthur; and another a Sister in the Community of Loreto Abbey, Toronto.

The funeral on Friday was very largely attended, friends from many outside points being present to pay their last respects to the dead. The funeral cortege first proceeded to St. John's church, where Rev. Father O'Leary conducted Requiem services. Afterwards the band, with muffled and draped drum, headed the C. M. B. A. branch, of which the deceased was a valued member, and the large gathering was conducted with measured tread, the band the while playing the Dead March, to the Catholic cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed. The pall-bearers were: P. M. Kirby, John O'Donnell, Hugh Campbell, Thos. McNamara, Thos. Carson and John O'Callaghan.—Arthur Enterprise. May his soul rest in peace!

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION TO GRAND ORGANIZER KIDD.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 95 of the C. M. B. A., Goderich, held on the 5th of September, it was

Moved by Judge Doyle, seconded by Edmund Campion, Q. C., and adopted: That the congratulations of Branch No. 95 of the C. M. B. A., Goderich, be and are hereby tendered to Brother Joseph Kidd, on his appointment as Grand Organizer of this Association in succession to our late much lamented Brother Killackey.

This branch desires to express its utmost confidence in Brother Kidd's qualifications for the important position, and to express our assurance that his efforts in the good cause will justify the wisdom of the Grand Council in appointing him to that important position.

We hope that Brother Kidd may long be spared to give the benefit of his abilities to the advancement of the interests of the society.

Resolved that these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the society and that copies be sent to Brother Kidd, to THE CANADIAN, The Catholic Record and other Catholic papers of Ontario.

PRESENTATION.

Branch No. 132, of the C. M. B. A., Honors Right Rev. Monsignor Murphy.

The members of Branch No. 132, of the C. M. B. A., held a special meeting in their rooms on Barrington street, August 30, 1899. The meeting was called for the purpose of presenting an address to the Right Rev. Monsignor Murphy, on his elevation to the office of prothonotary apostolic.

The chair was occupied by R. N. McDonald, the president, and there was a large attendance of members.

The address, which was as follows, was presented by Mr. McDonald:

To the Right Reverend Monsignor Edward F. Murphy, D. D., V. G., Prothonotary Apostolic, etc., etc.

Right Reverend Sir and Brother:

The officers and members of Branch No. 132 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, Halifax, of which you have been spiritual adviser since its institution, desire to extend their warmest congratulations to you on the dignity which has been conferred upon you by the Supreme Pontiff. In common with all your parishioners we join in the general expression of good will which is made by a grateful people to a devoted pastor; but as members of an organization which owes much to your zeal and interest in its welfare and the spiritual direction of whose affairs falls under your particular con-

trol, your election to an office of such great dignity gives us especial satisfaction. Notwithstanding the onerous and increasing duties which you have to perform in connection with your parochial work you have frequently found time to honor our branch with your attendance and wise counsel, and when we take occasion to congratulate you upon being raised to such an eminent ecclesiastical office we feel that we are making but a small return for the interest and zeal which you have always manifested in our affairs. Again congratulating you we beg to add the assurance that we shall fervently pray that you may have many years of continued usefulness in which to minister to the welfare of your people.

Signed on behalf of the branch.
President—R. N. McDonald.
1st Vice President—Geo. E. Granville.
2nd Vice President—Robt. F. Keltie.
Trustees—George M. Cullen, Samuel S. Shanks, Robt. J. Whitten, C. E. Hamilton, James M. Granville.
Recording Secretary—Fred W. Meyer.
Assistant Secretary—Wm. G. Foley.
Financial Secretary—Daniel J. Reddy.
Treasurer—D. B. O'Brien.
Marshal—Dennis Lynch.
Guard—Thos. Griffin.
Halifax, N. S., August, 1899.

The reverend gentleman made a brief speech, in which he thanked the members most heartily for their kind expressions. He urged the members to follow out the teachings of the association and take a greater interest in the meetings by their presence. He spoke of the growth of the C. M. B. A., since its inception in Canada, and the rapid strides the branches in Nova Scotia have made.

James R. Cragg, representing the grand president, said he was greatly pleased to be present on such an occasion and added to the congratulations already expressed. He spoke of the great amount of interest the Rev. Father has taken in the branch, and hoped that he would be long spared to continue in the good work.

An excellent speech was also delivered by John C. O'Mullin, the first president of the branch.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP MEVAY AT WINDSOR.

Address Read by Brother Francis O'Leary.—The Bishop's Reply

To His Lordship the Bishop of London:

My Lord—The Catholic people of Windsor, on this, your first official visit to the parish of St. Alphonse, hasten to bid you hearty welcome, to congratulate you upon your elevation to the Episcopacy, and to assure you of their devoted faith and obedience.

Your Lordship's talents, zeal, piety and prudence justify our confidence that our Holy Father has placed the Diocese of London in charge of one who will worthily continue the illustrious administrations of Bishops Pinnoneault, Walsh and O'Connor.

The growth of the Diocese and the works which accompany growth, will necessarily entail increased labor and care upon its Bishop. Our prayers that Divine assistance may always support you in the duties of your exalted office shall not be forgotten.

This parish, though greater in numbers than in wealth, has kept pace with other portions of the diocese in Catholic works established and effective in the city. These bear testimony also to the self-sacrificing labors and devotion of our late beloved pastor, the Reverend Dean Wagner, who, from the establishment of the parish, and for more than thirty years, worthily sustained the burden and direction of parish affairs.

It is now our anxious desire that a parochial residence in keeping with the other works of the parish be erected, and we trust that it will afford pleasure to your Lordship to know that preparations to this end are in an advanced stage, and that the inception of this necessary work now awaits the presence and approval of Your Lordship.

Your Lordship will also be pleased to know that the conduct of our schools is satisfactory and is upon Catholic principles, although not under the Separate school law, and that, not alone the secular but the religious training of our children is effectively cared for. For higher education, no better facilities are obtainable anywhere than are provided, in its sphere, by St. Mary's Academy, under the charge of the devoted Sisterhood of Jesus and Mary.

The sick and afflicted of the city, and from