



ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Reports for the Past Year—Election of Officers—A Flourishing Organisation.

The annual general meeting of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society was held in their hall, Ottawa street, on Sunday, 15th inst., and we are pleased to learn that the remarkable success which has attended the society from the time of its establishment eight years ago, was continued during the past year. The chair was occupied by the spiritual director, Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., and there was a very large attendance of the members.

The President, Mr. P. T. O'Brien read his Annual Report which was an interesting and comprehensive document and from it we gather that the Society's progress in the year 1892 was most marked; a large addition to the membership had taken place, the roll now numbering 421 members, 241 of whom are in good standing, with all dues paid up to date; the several entertainments given by the Society during the last year had been very successful, especially that held in the Academy of Music on St. Patrick's Night, when, notwithstanding the large number of people that it accommodates, several hundreds had to be turned away being unable to gain admission; the Society's annual excursion had also proved to be a flattering social as well as financial success.

The periodical religious demonstrations of the Society had been attended even more numerously than in former years, and were a source of much consolation and gratification to the parents and friends of the members, and especially to the Spiritual Director, evidencing the fact that the members are animated with a lively faith and that they are not ashamed to make open profession of it on all occasions when called upon to do so.

The Society's Band, which was organized in the beginning of the year 1892 had made good progress and could now be regarded as well-established—the members of the Band had been furnished with neat black uniforms, with green facings, and had made quite a favorable impression on the different occasions when they appeared in public.

The choral and dramatic sections of the Society have, as usual, given the utmost satisfaction, their several public performances being favorably commented on by the press of the city, while the hosts of friends who patronized these performances repeatedly expressed the great pleasure and enjoyment afforded them.

The gymnasium, which, by the way, is one of the best equipped in the city, does not appear to have been so well appreciated by the members during the past year; it is hoped, however, that this apparent indifference to this important adjunct of the society is only temporary and that during the remainder of this winter the classes will be well attended.

The library and reading room, it is pleasant to learn, have been duly appreciated; several new books have been added to the library, while the reading room is supplied with the city English daily papers and the principal weekly ones, as well as twenty-one other periodicals, including the principal Irish, Irish Canadian, and Irish American and Catholic publications.

The society's well furnished recreation room has proved itself a most attractive place for the members to spend their leisure moments, the average nightly attendance being one hundred.

The society's hall was repainted and decorated throughout during vacation time, last summer, and it presents a very cheerful and pleasing appearance in consequence.

The society's financial condition is, of course, good—the total receipts for the year were \$2,986.85, all of which, except \$225 balance on hand, was expended in the promotion of the society's interests;

the total receipts since the formation of the society amounts to the respectable figure of \$16,142.56, and is conclusive evidence of the energy and activity of the members.

In the course of his Report the President compliments the chairmen of the various sections of the society, who have contributed to the general success, and speaks highly of Messrs. J. J. Gethings, P. Shea, J. Whitty, J. Mahoney, H. McClure, and the popular treasurer, Mr. Jos. Johnson, who has looked so carefully after the funds for several years past. He concludes by paying a glowing and well-deserved tribute to the genial and generous Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., who has shown himself to be the society's greatest benefactor, and through whose instrumentality the society has attained its present efficiency, and obtained for the organization the proud pre-eminence of being the "Premier Catholic Young Men's Society of Canada."

The other reports presented included those of the Treasurer, Secretary, Librarian and Auditors, all of which were most interesting and bore evidence of the thoroughly satisfactory manner in which these officers performed their duties. The various reports having been adopted, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, resulting as follows:—

- Spiritual Director—Rev. Fr. Strubbe, C.S.S.R.
- President—P. T. O'Brien.
- 1st Vice-President—Thos. Sullivan.
- 2nd Vice-President—D. J. O'Neill.
- Treasurer—Jos. Johnson.
- Financial Secretary—M. J. O'Brien.
- Asst. Financial Secretary—A. Thompson.
- Recording Secretary—W. Cullinan.
- Asst. Rec. Secretary—J. McGinn.
- Librarian—T. T. Slattery.
- Asst. Librarian—John O'Neill.
- Marshal—P. J. O'Brien.
- Asst. Marshal—J. Kenehan.
- Council:—M. J. O'Donnell, P. Shea, J. J. Gethings, J. P. McDonough, T. Dillon, T. O'Connell and T. Connelly.

A number of interesting events are on the Society's programme for the remainder of this season, including a Minstrel Entertainment of the Olden Time on February 13th and 14th, a grand National celebration on St. Patrick's Day, when a new historical Irish drama, specially written for the Society, will be produced, and a musical and dramatic entertainment on Easter Monday.

The annual Retreat for young men opens on Sunday next in St. Ann's Church, and will continue for a week, under the charge of the Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R.

Through the generous co-operation of the devoted and beloved pastor of St. Ann's, Rev. Father Catulle, C.S.S.R., a considerable addition will be built this year to the large Concert Hall in which the Society's entertainments are held. Besides the increased seating capacity of the hall, there will be improved stage accommodation, which will be of much advantage to the dramatic section of the Society, who have been handicapped very often for want of sufficient stage room in producing some of their popular dramatic pieces.

The Society is to be congratulated on the energy, enterprise and ability which have been its strong characteristics in the past; we trust its brilliant record will be maintained, and that a long and prosperous career awaits the progressive and patriotic St. Ann's Young Men's Society.

HOME RULE FUND.

In addition to the list already published of subscribers to the Home Rule Fund, we are pleased to record that of Aklerman William Farrell, \$10. Subscriptions may be sent to the treasurer, Hon. Senator Murphy, or to THE TRUTH WITNESS office.

C. A. C.

At the general monthly meeting of the Catholic Association held in the Library Hall of the Gesù on Friday evening the 20th inst., the following resolution of condolence was passed, being moved by Mr. H. Singleton and seconded by Mr. F. Cotter:—

"Resolved that the sympathy of this Association be tendered to Mr. T. C. Collins and family in the loss they have sustained by the death of Sister St. Michael the Archangel of the Congregation of Notre Dame."

C. M. B. A.

Grand Council C. M. B. A. of Quebec.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PRESIDENT.

MONTREAL, 23rd Jan., 1893.

BROTHERS,—The Executive of the Grand Council of the C. M. A. of Quebec, have heretofore and still desire to keep our affairs out of the Public Press, but an editorial in the C. M. B. A. column of the Catholic Record of date 21st Jan. inst., seems to call for a reply, inasmuch as it attacks the integrity of our Venerable Archbishop, and our esteemed Pastor, Rev. Father Sentenne. Against their lying article accusing his Grace of having forbidden Rev. Father Sentenne to celebrate a Mass for the Grand Council of Quebec. I beg leave to submit the copy of a letter now in my possession and which I received from the Rev. Father:

(COPY.)

MONTREAL, 2nd January, 1893.

I make it my duty to here declare that if the Mass asked for by certain members of the C. M. B. A. Society, was not sung, it was because the matter was forgotten, and no order whatever, on the part of the Archbishop was given.

A. L. SENTENNE, Ptra.

We could in like manner contradict every item in said editorial, but we consider the man who wrote it as beneath our notice, and will simply say that it is a tissue of falsehood from beginning to end, so much for our step-brother of the non-Catholic Record. We would, however, respectfully suggest that he change the motto at the head of his paper, and insert Ananias for Christian, and Saphira for Catholic, as it would be more appropriate. We can easily understand his chagrin at losing the Province of Quebec, for we can prove that he is the prime mover in the separation now taking place between the Supreme Council and the brothers in Ontario. I call them brothers, as I know the rank and file are true men, they are true men, they are leaving the Grand Council of Ontario in great numbers, and the executive of Grand Council will soon find that they do not control Ontario any more than they do Quebec. The editor of the non-Catholic Record and his tools in Ontario and Quebec have been digging this hole for ten years; and now their rage is unbounded because we will not enter this hole, which, I fear, will prove their grave, along with them. We claim the right to choose for ourselves, and have elected to stay with our grand Catholic association, the C.M.B.A.

A few words to show their consistency and honorable dealing. On the 13th Oct., 1892, an agreement was entered into between the Supreme and Grand Councils that the Grand Council of Canada would pay assessments to the Supreme Council on all deaths occurring up to 31st Dec., 1892. This agreement was signed by the Grand President, O. K. Fraser; Grand Secretary, S. R. Brown, and other officers of the Grand Council. Now, on Dec. 8th, 1892, assessment No. 18 was issued from the office of the Grand Secretary, S. R. Brown, to pay the beneficiaries of deceased members to Nov. 21st, 1892, and stating that this was the last assessment they would pay to the Supreme Council. On Dec. 19th, 1892, this statement was contradicted by Grand President O. K. Fraser, as he said it was premature, and that the Grand Council was liable beyond that time.

Now, Brothers, you have three statements emanating from the same Executive of the Grand Council of Canada each one a direct contradiction of the other, but that is not all; to cap the climax on Jan. 17th, 1893, a meeting of the Grand Trustees was held at Brockville and a resolution adopted that No. 18 was the last assessment which the Grand Council would pay to the Supreme Council. "Consistency thou art a jewel" and for consistency, honor, constitutional practice, and respect for agreements, I challenge the world to equal the Grand Council of Canada Executive. But they are simply tools in the hands of the Non-Catholic Record as he pulls the wires and they dance and at the wind up I fear they will have to pay the piper. Apologizing for trespassing on your valuable space, I remain, Dear Mr. Editor,

Your obt. Servant,

P. O'RIELLY,
Grand President C. M. B. A.
Grand Council of Quebec.

A "NOTED" PLACE.—The inside of a music-book.

A RING on the finger is worth two in the pawshop.

A WONDERFUL STORY!

A Woodstock Lady ESCAPES DEATH

Though Advanced in Years She is Now Strong and Well!

The Lady Tells of Her Deliverance!

AN AGENT MIGHTY TO SAVE!

A wonderful story! A mighty deliverance! Comforting and assuring words for every sickly and disease burdened man and woman! Every word of the wonderful letter is full of hope and joy. Paine's Celery Compound is held up as the true and only life-giver for suffering humanity. Try it, poor, weary sufferer; it will make you glad, and give you a new and happy life.

Mrs. Mary E. Lampman, of Woodstock, Ont., writes as follows:—



MARY E. LAMPMAN.

WELLS & RICHARDSON CO. Gentlemen,—After serious consideration, I think it my duty to acknowledge the great good that I have derived from Paine's Celery Compound. No living mortal can imagine the sufferings that I endured for four months. That demon "La Grippe" got a fast hold of me; I became nervous, and was so prostrated that I could not sleep night or day.

Life became a burden, and I was reduced to a mere skeleton. My appetite was very poor; and I was so extremely nervous that I could not bear to have any person in the room with me.

One Sabbath afternoon, I read one of your papers, "Our Album," and found that Paine's Celery Compound had cured many people. I thought I would try a bottle, and bought one that afternoon, and commenced to take it according to directions. The relief was almost instant. I continued the use of the Compound, with the result, that I can now sleep well all night and feel rested when morning comes. My appetite is good, I am gaining in flesh and I feel like a new person.

I cannot find words to express my gratitude for your great Paine's Celery Compound, and for the wonderful cure it has brought about. I am 73 years of age, and can now walk five miles without feeling tired. I am telling my friends and neighbors who are sleepless and nervous and suffering as I was. Wishing you unbounded success, and hoping this may be read by some one who is afflicted and anxious for relief.

I remain yours truly,

MARY E. LAMPMAN.

We, the undersigned residents of Woodstock, in the Province of Ontario, hereby certify that we are acquainted with Mrs. Lampman, who has signed the above testimonial, and can vouch for the truth of every statement therein made.

E. J. JACKSON.
M. C. PRATT.

When there is nothing in a man's scheme it makes no difference whether or not the bottom drops out.

"Oh, papa! I know what makes people laugh in their sleeves!" "Well, my son, what makes them?" "'Cause that's where the funny-bone is!"