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Answers to Correspondence. The next convention of the Grand Council of Canada will be held in Toronto, in August, 1888.

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Every branch in Canada could do what the foregoing four Branches have done in regard to paying No. 14 assessment.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 39, held on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, the following resolution was read and unanimously adopted:

Moved by Bro. V. Lang, and seconded by Bro. McArthur.

Resolved that he pleased Almighty God in His inscrutable ways to call home our beloved Parish Priest, the Rev. F. A. Ruesstra, this Branch deeply deprecates the loss, as the rev. deceased was an exemplary pastor and a kind adviser...

A. P. McArthur, Rec. Sec., Branch 39.

Kingston, Nov. 11th, 1887.

Thomas Coffey, Esq., Editor Catholic Record: DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—On Tuesday, the 5th inst., the members of Branch 9 were favored with a visit from Grand President D. J. O'Connor, who arrived in the city on the afternoon train from the West.

He then visited the Kingston Penitentiary, where they were escorted through by Senior Chanceller Sullivan, who is Deputy Warden.

In the evening President O'Connor and members of the Local Branch were entertained at the Terrace, kept by William Shanahan, Treasurer of the local branch, who, though the time was short, was equal to the occasion and furnished a sumptuous repast.

When the time arrived to separate each and every member present hoped that it would not be long before Branch 9 of Kingston would be favoured with another visit from their Grand President.

I remain, yours fraternally, M. BRENNAN, Sec. Branch 9.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD, FROM QUEBEC.

ST. BRIDGET'S BAZAAR.

The proceeds of the late bazaar and concert in aid of St. Bridget's Orphanage amounts to \$2,085.73.

The repairs at the Archbishop's palace, made necessary by the late fire, is now nearly completed, and his Eminence the Cardinal, who took up temporary quarters in the Laval University, will soon move back to his apartment.

The religious services on All Saints' and All Souls' day was more than usually impressive. On All Souls' Day, at the

Basilica, his Eminence presided at the throne. The decorations were in keeping with the solemnity of the service.

A catalfalque surrounded by lighted candles, and the walls were draped in sombre black, relieved here and there with white crosses and other religious emblems.

At St. Patrick's a solemn high mass was celebrated, Rev. Father Hayden, C. S. S. R., Superior, celebrant, Rev. Father McCarthy, C. S. S. R., deacon, and Rev. Father Cronin, C. S. S. R., sub-deacon.

The church was appropriately draped in black, the beauty of the altars being hidden from view. An immense white cross decorated the back of the main altar. A large number of people assembled at all the churches to offer their prayers in unison with those of the Church for the souls of their departed friends.

The Arch-Confraternity of our Lady of Perpetual Help has been established at St. Patrick's church.

Mr. Francis Gallagher has reopened his academy for the winter at 28 St. Joseph St.

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HOME RULE.

IRELAND'S POSITION FROM A PROTESTANT STANDPOINT.

On Monday evening the Grand Opera House was well filled by a demonstrative audience gathered to listen to Rev. Dr. Burns' address on "The Irish Question."

The chair was occupied by Rev. H. D. Hunter, pastor of the Congregational Church, who introduced the lecturer. Dr. Burns on rising was greeted with an ovation. He said he hoped he addressed many of his fellow countrymen when he spoke of dear old Ireland—the land of his birth.

There are some Irishmen who blush when they speak of the place of their birth—turn red, white and blue—but there was no such unattractive blood in his veins. Feeling that Ireland was placed in a false position, and not enjoying the liberty she was entitled to, an Irishman was no Irishman who would not stand forward and demonstrate as well as advocate the measures that would restore liberty to his native land.

Irishmen have sung "Rule Britannia," and sing it still; they have marched, fought and died with England and Scotland for Britain's name and glory; they have established Britain's supremacy, they have deported themselves in a manner which has been the admiration and terror of the world.

After speaking of the poverty that existed in Ireland, the utter destitution and privation of the race in general, and the detailed report of the lecturer, which was one of the most interesting that we ever listened to upon this all-absorbing topic.

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can colonies. How did the Irish act when they received no representation? asked the speaker. Some opponents say, why was not something said against the union of Ireland with England before? This is one of the most ludicrous questions ever put. Protestants and Catholics alike were opposed to the Union. Here the lecturer read several resolutions passed by Orange Leagues against the legislative union of Ireland with England.

Petitions were sent to the British Parliament against the Union signed by 700,000 names. One per cent of the Irish nation were in favor of that Union. So that ever since that Union was advocated Irishmen were against it and are again still. Since 1801 has Ireland been united with England. It was a forced marriage and a deliberate insult to twenty-nine out of every hundred Irishmen.

Here the speaker again referred to the intolerant system of land government in Ireland, a system which did not cure any other country. He cited the words of Lord John Russell, G. J. Smith, John Bright, Lord Dufferin, Carlyle, John Stewart Mill, Beaconsfield, Green's History, Prof. Blackie and others who condemned the system of land government and that which now exists in Ireland. The most eminent of Britain's statesmen have condemned this system.

He pointed out the heavy odds against the passage of a bill through the English Parliament to amend this state of affairs. But, said the speaker, the climax has come, and with the climax came the man. William E. Gladstone to-day stands the colossal figure among the great men of the country. Although his bill was defeated, the echo of his speech will ring throughout all time until the last vestige of complex land tyranny is swept from the face of the earth.

Right is right no matter who is God. To failer would be sin. No person can believe that the disestablishment of the Episcopal Church would cause the fall of that church. It would make the church look for support to the patriotism of its members.

Did the destruction of the temporal power of the Pope cause the fall of the Roman Catholic Church? It neither destroyed nor fell when the temporal power was taken away. And would the Episcopal Church of England fall when disestablished? When a church has to depend upon anything outside of its members it is time that its epitaph was written. The question is asked, "Why are not the Catholics of Ireland disestablished?" Protestants of the United States would be satisfied if they were all Protestants.

Not much. The Protestants are not satisfied with one jot less than the Catholics demand. Every attempt to govern a nation and ignore the religion and traditions of the country will end in failure. He pointed to the small percentage of land that is worked by the men who own it. Seventy per cent of the farms are cultivated by tenants at will; 23 per cent of the farms are held by leases, while three per cent are worked by the owners. How would Canada like that system introduced? The large estates of Ireland should be sub-divided for the sake of the millions, and the would give 600,000 farms and leave every Irishman now oppressed a twenty-acre farm.

The speaker then pointed to the feeling in Mr. Chamberlain's speech of '81 where he argued that another form of government be given to Ireland to manage its local affairs. The speaker condemned these opponents of Home Rule who awoke sectarian bitterness, and characterized the statement as a lie that "Protestants were all opposed to Home Rule," and gave several apt illustrations and quotations in support of his statement.

He closed by pointing to the similarity between the Catholic and Protestant religions, and argued that the difference be more emphasized and the difference be made less. The removal of sectarian bitterness is necessary to the peace of Ireland. They must learn to respect each other and stand by each other for dear old Ireland. If ever there was a time when an Irishman should hold himself in restraint it is now. They must join hands from north to south, from east to west, with no north, no south, no orange, no green. Tell the children that the Boyne waters have been bridged, and when the stationed troops are withdrawn from Ireland and 50,000 men are asked for they will come from Erin's hills and valleys and sustain the flag; that they have often planted on the ramparts of Britain's enemies. This is no time for re-orientation or fostering hatred of any kind.

When the time comes and all the colonies of the British nation are bound in imperishable ties, they shall not see Macaulay's New Zealand starting on London bridge sketching the ruins of St. Paul's, but will see all united, fearing no foe nor dreading the future.

As soon as the lecture was concluded Mr. Geo. C. Gibbons moved, seconded by Mr. A. B. Powell, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the speaker of the evening. H. D. Hunter put the resolution, which was carried by loud applause. Dr. Burns briefly replied.

"DEAR OLD SCOTLAND." United Ireland. The deputation of representative Scotchmen who are coming over to Ireland next Saturday must get as warm a welcome as the Irish heart can give. Not merely for their own sakes, though there are not in the House of Commons two honest or braver friends of Ireland than Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Brown, the leaders of the deputation. But for the sake of their country—for the sake of the nation that Mr. Gladstone in his loving gratitude speaks of as "dear old Scotland." We owe the salvation of Home Rule to Scotland. At the late election had Scotland shown as much doubt as England did, the hopes of Mr. Gladstone had been buried. But Scotland had faith in her old leader, sympathy with the Irish people, and a burning love of justice which impelled her to the right road. She went boldly for Home Rule and the old leader, and, as a consequence, to day Mr. Gladstone's hopes and the hopes of Home Rule are in peril. Scotland now sends a deputation to Ireland to follow in the wake

of the English representatives who have visited us. It is more than five hundred years since Scotland sent a deputation to the Irish people. Then the great Edward Bruce and an army of six thousand men to help the Celtic Irish to free themselves from the English yoke. It was one good turn for another. The Celtic Irish had been helping the Celtic Scotch to break the power of Edward north of the border, and on the field of Bannockburn O'Neil's clansmen did much to turn the fortunes of the day. To-day we are renewing that ancient pact between the peoples—peoples who are of the same race, and almost of the same name.

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Beautiful hands are those that do. Work that is earnest and brave and true. Beautiful feet are those that go. Down lonely paths, if God will it so. Beautiful shoulders are those that bear. O needless burdens of homely care. Beautiful lives are those that bless—'Tis not their own, but those who share.

Beautiful twilight, at set of sun. Beautiful glow, with rose and moon. Beautiful rest, with work well done. Beautiful grave, where grasses creep. Whose hours have never faded drifts in deep. Ever worn-out hands—oh beautiful sleep!

MR. O'BRIEN'S TRIAL. THE JOURNEY FROM CORK. Great Demonstration. SPEECHES BY MESSRS. O'BRIEN AND DILLON.

(From the Cork Herald of Tuesday) Mr. William O'Brien, M. P., arrived in the city on Monday morning from Montreal, including the Mayor and several members of Parliament, had assembled at the Gannim station, and as the distinguished gentleman was recognized, a cheering cheer was raised, and was again and again repeated. A large crowd had assembled outside the Victoria Hotel, and as the gallant gentleman alighted, a triumphant shout was raised, and many rushed forward eager to clasp his hand. After a short delay at the hotel the party started for Summerhill station, which was packed with expectant crowd, and as Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Mandeville entered the train, the people burst into a tremendous cheer, and many rushed forward eager to clasp his hand. After a short delay at the hotel the party started for Summerhill station, which was packed with expectant crowd, and as Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Mandeville entered the train, the people burst into a tremendous cheer, and many rushed forward eager to clasp his hand.

IRISH CAVALRY ESCORT. The Junction was reached at a quarter to twelve, and Mr. Wm. O'Brien, Mr. Mandeville, and their friends, alighted. About one thousand stalwart horsemen were drawn up on the road towards Carrigrohilly, as well as also a most numerous number of vehicles of all descriptions. The appearance of Mr. O'Brien was the signal for an outburst of cheering which, being taken up by long array, was repeated again and again. When about a mile from Carrigrohilly the hands began to play "God Save Ireland," and the notes, being taken by the processionists, swelled into a mighty chorus and created an impression which could not be easily forgotten.

Over twenty clergymen were in the procession, and deputations from the various parishes, and the eager crowd pressed round, anxious to get a glimpse of the distinguished visitor. Across the wall of the League rooms was fixed a green banner, bearing the inscription "Bravery, lead on, and we will follow." After cheer had been given, and the enthusiasm had somewhat subsided, the representatives of the different parishes and boards pressed forward and presented addresses.

MR. O'BRIEN'S REPLY. Mr. O'Brien, on his way in carriage was received with great cheer said—"Follow countrymen, I have had time to utter a few words of thanks to the deluge of addresses pouring in me. I do thank you from the bottom of my heart for this wonderful outpouring of affection from the people of country around (cheers). It is the wonderful sight my eyes have ever beheld in this or any other country, and will be a compensation to me not only for the three wretched months of imprisonment that are before me, but it will be a compensation for a long devolution of the cause of Ireland (loud cheers). I feel it is more than mere complacency myself—it is a proof of the incorrupt spirit that animates the Irish race to-day. Since I was a boy I have known good deeds of the inner working of Irish estate, and have known many an hour of hope and many an hour of grief. I have never in all my life known anything like the spirit that bounds in bounding through the veins of the people to day (great cheering).

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