

ments one evening this month at a very disturbed tea. He was assisted by John Jason Jehohiah Kafus O'Neil. The decorations were in chickweed and cowslips. Mr. Alexander Vermillion Dundonald Cameron in green over gray with red trimmings to match presided at the tea table. Some of the guests were: Mr. Cornwallis Talleyrand Tallapoosa Tallon, in a gown of Irish mosquito netting, made with the skirt slightly draped and caught at the Patella with a pink rose, the bodice being in *surplus effect* with pink facings and tassels; Mr. Ewart Eudamus Neopotolemus Munn in lavender brownish creton, with abbreviated skirt, and bodice with pointed yoke, having undersleeves of Jewish cheesecloth made in Belfast.

The ices were served rather late, owing to some misunderstanding at headquarters.

#### USHERS' ANNUAL BANQUET.

The ushers of St. Joseph's Church sat down to their eleventh Annual Banquet on the night of Wednesday, Jan. 24th, at Holt's Hotel, Aylmer. Being as it is an annual affair, it was looked forward to by all. The ushers and their friends assembled at the Ottawa terminal of the Hull Electric Railway where they boarded their special at 6.30. The trip, usually a dreary one, was enlivened by the classic and ragtime music supplied by Messrs. Grace and Steers through the medium of a gramophone. The party arrived in due time upon the scene of the night's festivities. Whether intentionally or not, the chef delayed the dinner a little, and in the meanwhile the party endeavored to ease their appetites in card games, music and chatting. They were not very successful, however, for when the call came there was no need of coaxing. The menu showed the management of an expert steward. Good things appeared fast and disappeared faster. A very impressive scene occurred when all signed their name on the back of a menu, which was to be forwarded to Mr. Tom McEvoy, an old usher, and who is, as all know, absent in foreign parts. The rest of the evening was spent in cards, music and tobacco smoke. At the call of the energetic Fr. Collins, all gathered around and drank to the health of Rev. Fr. Wm. Murphy, the head usher, Mr. O'Neil, and Mr. Tom McEvoy. Besides Rev. Fr. Wm. Murphy and Mr. O'Neil, those who spoke were Fr. Collins, Fr. Sherry, Messrs. Copping, Larose, Unger and McHugh.

Among those present were noticed Rev. Frs. Wm. Murphy, Collins and Sherry, and Messrs. W. J. O'Neill, Jos. Copping, M. Larose, J. Shields, H. O'Reilly, B. Gorman, G. McHugh, C.