

C. M. B. A.

Assessment No. 14 was issued from the Grand Secretary's office on the 8th inst. It calls for the payment of the beneficiaries of 14 deceased members. Deaths Nos. 105 106 107 108 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, and 118 will be paid by surplus, except No. 118 for which the assessment is issued. All members initiated prior to Oct. 22nd, 1887, are liable for this assessment. Death No. 105, the late Mr. John Brodman, of Branch 35, Guderich, Ont., is not listed in regular order, as proof of death could not be received in time. The late Mr. Brodman was killed on 1st Jan. 1887, at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, by a falling tree. Hence there was great difficulty in getting our regular Proof of Death made out. Certificates regarding his death and burial were received from the parish priest, sheriff, undertaker, and three members of the C. M. B. A. Branch at Sault Ste. Marie. Also notice and proof of death as far as could be made out, from Branch 35 and the Grand Secretary.

hope that they may long live to enjoy a life of unbroken felicity that no cloud may darken the brightness of their most anxious expectations, and that as they float down the sea of life they may be surrounded by the choicest blessings of our heavenly Father. Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to Bros. Wm. Foley and E. P. Foley, and that copies be forwarded to the C. M. B. A. Monthly and the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication. A. McKENZIE, Sec. Sec. Montreal, 27th Oct., 1887.

Among the early pioneers of South Ekfrid, County of Middlesex, was John Roy McKee, who settled in the district in the autumn of 1837, where he resided until the hour of his death, which occurred on Thursday morning, Nov. 3rd, 1887. The deceased was a native of Kintail Parish, Ross-shire, Scotland. He was born on the 4th of June 1790. He received his education in one of the Argyle Colleges. Shortly after leaving college he was united in matrimony (15th October, 1812) to Miss Anne McKee, of Glenisles parish, Ross-shire, Scotland, who died on the 11th of May 1877, aged 82 years. Having resided in their native shire till 1821, they took leave of their home, with a family of two sons and two daughters, with whom they crossed that broad expanse of water, the Atlantic ocean, as many others had done—not in nine days, as at present, but as many weeks, with but few of the comforts and conveniences of the present passage. Landing at Montreal they took up a settlement in Dunrobin, Quebec, where they resided till 1837, during which period their progeny increased to twelve—seven sons and five daughters. In September, 1837, they moved to Western Ontario, where they took up a settlement not far from the river Thames in South Ekfrid, in which place they have both since lived and died.

Undergoing many of the hardships of a pioneer life, and rearing a family of twelve to manhood and womanhood, they lived to see the great advancement of modern times accompanied by its many comforts and advantages for the welfare of man. The deceased had followed farming as an occupation from 1812 until 1857. During his residence in Quebec Province he held the offices of magistrate, superintendent of schools and drill sergeant of a company of militia. Shortly after his removal to South Ekfrid he was appointed superintendent of schools for the district in which he resided. After quitting the active stage of man's life, he quietly passed the remainder of his life, in all the sweetness of a farm atmosphere, enjoying the comforts of both mental and physical health, adding greatly to the comforts of the aged. This old pioneer has many descendants. Of his family of twelve, there have descended eighty grand children, from whom have descended one hundred and twenty great grandchildren. Of his family eight are living, and of the grand children sixty two are living, and of the great grandchildren eighty four are living, making a total of one hundred and fifty five descendants living and thirty seven dead, in all one hundred and ninety-two descendants. A large number of these have settled around the old homestead, a few have gone to the Western States and the North-West Territories, the majority of them following farming as an occupation, a few the business and professional life. The remains of the late John Roy McKee, followed by a very large number of friends and acquaintances, who came to pay their last respects to the departed, was interred at 3 o'clock, on Saturday the 5th November.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father McCullen, of St. Hubert. The deceased was a strict adherent of the Catholic Church, in the schools of which he had been educated. Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD. A HAPPY EVENT—ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO MR. W. H. STAFFORD. A few months ago we had the pleasure of recording the brilliant success of Mr. W. H. Stafford, son of our esteemed townsman, Mr. Henry Stafford, before the Law Society in Toronto, and it is with some surprise that we have to record the fact that he has since passed his intermediate examination "without an oral" farther honors, which he did not anticipate, were accorded to him. A short time ago he received an offer from Mr. B. E. Edwards, barrister, of Peterborough, who is also town and county solicitor, to assume charge of the latter's office, Mr. Edwards having to leave for England, where his time will be taken up for months with business before the Privy Council. After due consideration, Mr. Stafford decided to accept the management of the Peterborough office, and although the news was sprung rather suddenly upon his many Almonte friends, they could not allow him to depart without showing in some degree that esteem in which he has always been held by them. Accordingly he was waited on in Mr. R. J. Dowdall's law office, on Monday evening, the 24th inst., by quite a large number of his more personal friends and presented with a purse containing the handsome sum of \$53 and the following address: William H. Stafford, Esq., Student at Law, Almonte.

HOME RULE.

We hope all our readers will attend the lecture of Rev. Dr. Baro, on the "Irish Question," in the Opera House, on next Monday evening. The utterances of this distinguished orator have done much to help the cause of Home Rule. CATHOLIC PRESS. London Univers. That most revered and impeccable of papers, the Times, has published reports of meetings of the suppressed National United Irish League in Ireland. United Irishmen, and the Nation are prosecuted for doing exactly what the Times does. Is the Printing House Square organ to be let go soon? What is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander. But it may be alleged that it has given publicity to these forbidden narratives solely to show what an awful conspiracy is the National League. On the same principle, the pickpocket might plead that he emptied a purse merely to exhibit what it contained. It would be delightful to have Mr. Morley, Morris, Walters, E. D. J. Wilson, and a few more of them up as high traitors at the dock of the Old Bailey.

BOTHWELL.

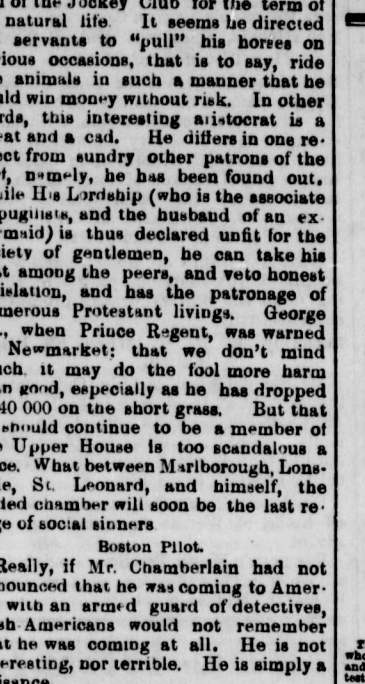
The interest in the Bothwell bazaar is becoming general. Mrs. Alexander Jarro of Cornwall was the first to send in a "bazaar letter" (\$1) on Oct. 20th, and she received \$5. The one hundredth "bazaar letter" reached Bothwell on Nov. 7th and was sent by Mrs. Jerry Sullivan of Lyons, Port Indiana; Mrs. Sullivan receives \$10. The sender of the two-hundredth "bazaar letter" will also receive \$10. A letter posted in any part of Canada or the United States in Nov. will have a good chance for the two hundredth special P. O. Prize. Mrs. Jarro was the first lucky one, Mrs. Sullivan was the second. Who will be the next? Her name will be published in the CATHOLIC RECORD.

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While the Mail is parading before its readers every effort of the Catholics of the United States to establish Catholic schools, and representing such efforts as an "aggression" upon the rights of the Protestant public, it will be interesting to notice some of the aggressiveness of the other side. A Miss Murphy applied for an appointment in the public school in Washburn District, Hennepin County, Minnesota. In reply, she received the following letter from the secretary of the school board:

"The school board met last night and concluded to give you the school at \$350 provided you are not a Roman Catholic. There are prejudices in the district which would make it unpleasant for a teacher of that religion to be stationed here. It would make no difference to me, but the other members thought wise not to have a Catholic as they think your name would indicate."

Miss Murphy is a Catholic; so of course she was not inclined to sacrifice her faith to the "prejudices of the district," and she was not appointed. Catholics pay taxes there, as everywhere, for the support of that school; yet they are so aggressive if they wish to establish schools of their own. On the other hand, as manifesting the results of godless education, an incident at the last encampment of the G. A. R. worth recording. A member from Oregon moved to strike out the name Jesus from the ritual. This may be mere straw, but it indicates, notwithstanding the direction of the wind.

It is very true that a clergy deriving their authority from popular approval, as do the Protestant clergy, professedly so the Baptists, Methodists, and other sects, have no right to part a blessing, which belongs essentially to the supernatural order, and imparts authority derived from God. It is, therefore, an absurdity for these to continue the practice. We presume it is on the things which from old habits, or previous sectaries found it difficult to rid of at once. But for a clergy which like the Catholic priesthood, is of divine institution, for the purpose of blessing the practice is very proper, and is affirmed by Holy Scripture as well as tradition. The Catholic priesthood "called by God as Aaron was," for God "who gave some Apostles, and some Prophets, and other some Evangelists and others some pastors and doctors the perfecting of the saints, for the body of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Eph. v. 4, Eph. 12)

The Catholic Priesthood are the possessors of the mysteries of God, Ministers of Christ" (1 Cor. iv. 1, 2; xi; 23.) appointed by Christ to do work, whereas the sectarian clergy solely of human origin, are merely appointed by them to make common on the Scriptures and to lead in singing. It is preposterous for them to have preserved so long the custom imparting a benediction. Their assumption is as that of Core, (Ex. xvi. 7, 10.) who offered a sacrifice to the Lord. Their reproach is the Catholic priesthood is exactly same which these rebels raised against Moses and Aaron: "All the multitude of the people of the Lord," (Ex. xvi. 3) But God himself man then that he was with those who