

C. M. B. A. For this month only we will deliver to the nearest express office...

C. M. B. A. Honoring a Brother. Brother Martin O'Meara, of the Post Office Department, London, was presented by the clerks with a handsome silver set...

Resolutions of Condolence. At the last regular meeting of Branch 48, C. M. B. A., following resolutions of condolence were moved by Bro. John Nauer...

New Branches. Branch No. 83 was organized at Renton on the 24th inst. by Deputy Gavin, of Arrprior. List of officers in next issue.

Branch No. 84 was organized at Ottawa on the 24th inst. by Principal MacCabe. List of officers in next issue.

Branch 77, Lindsay. Spiritual Adviser, Very Rev. P. D. Laurent, V. G. President, R. P. Smith...

Branch 55, St. Agatha. Spiritual Adviser, Rev. V. G. Schweitzer. President, J. K. Smith...

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 18, 1888. At a special meeting of this Branch held this evening, it was moved by Marshal Griffin, seconded by Trustee P. O'Neill, and carried unanimously...

ter be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days as a token of respect for the memory of deceased; that a copy of these resolutions be tendered to the family of our late Brother, the same to be entered in our minute book, and also published in the local papers and CATHOLIC RECORD.

THE POETRY OF CHRISTMAS-TIDE. Christmas is a festival of memories, greetings, love and brightest hope. The Christian year is started with anniversaries, but Christmas is the gem of all others...

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As I parted I find myself holding a levee to departed Christmas nights. Into my heart they come these apparitions, clad in snowy gowns, brooched and gauded with frost.

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The Christmas of boyhood and the Christmas of school days are one—the same warm pulse stirs the heart of each. It seems but yesterday that we rehearsed the charade for the holiday exhibition and our heart glowed with a covenant of prospective pleasure.

front, come kneel at the lowly manger at Bethlehem and receive the Christ of faith upon your brows. Road in spirit the great epic of Christmas-tide. It binds soul to soul in Christian charity.

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They chanted the three psalms of the Nocturns and sang the responses of the last Nocturn to music. At the elevation there was music on the violin, and also during the Communion, which was given by another priest, while the one who had sung the high mass was saying a second low one. All this was well done.

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ous assembly of worshippers on Sundays to hear Mass. "Never had a house of God (remarked the Archbishop of Ottawa on a certain occasion) been so quiet and quietly put up," and newly organized, was the feeling of the people. But in spiritual matters as in worldly, our hopes are often blighted at the very moment they are brightest.

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LATEST MARKET REPORTS. Buffalo, December 27.—GRAIN.—Red winter wheat, 1.70 to 1.75; white, 1.70 to 1.75; spring, 1.70 to 1.75; corn, 1.00 to 1.10; rye, 1.00 to 1.10; oats, 92c to 95c; peas, 82c to 85c; clover, 75c to 80c; timothy, 62c to 65c; alfalfa, 50c to 55c; hay, 40c to 45c; straw, 20c to 25c; wood, 1.00 to 1.25; fuel, 1.00 to 1.25.

TO THE CHARITABLE. Dear Rev. Sir—As will be within the recollection of our readers, our infant church of St. Thomas Aquinas at Billing's Bridge was blown down by the terrible cyclone of 6th of Jan. of the fact that very many of our good parishioners also suffered severely on the same occasion. Not discouraged, however, we put our shoulders to the wheel, encouraged by our Archbishop, and we now have a new edifice nearing completion.

TO THE CHARITABLE. Contributions received for the new church of St. Thomas Aquinas at Billing's Bridge. Mr. Michael Davis, \$5 00; Mr. M. F. Walsh, \$5 00; Mrs. Howlett, Chicago, \$20 00; Mrs. Hilton, Toronto, \$5 00; Captain Bliss, \$1 00; Mr. M. A. Higgins, Quebec, \$2 00; CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, GATEVILLE—AN APPRECIATION.

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