

Knights of Columbus of Ottawa Inaugurate a New Hall.

As briefly stated by our special Ottawa correspondent in our issue of last week the palatial club building of the Knights of Columbus on Maria street was formally opened on Wednesday evening, the 29th of April, in the presence of a large and representative gathering of the citizens of the Capital. The occasion no doubt marks an epoch in Catholic circles of that city.

The members of the Local Council, No. 485, K. of C., were present in full strength, along with distinguished fellow-members from Burlington, Vt., Syracuse, Ogdensburg, Montreal and Quebec. Many Catholic citizens, not members of the Order, were present by special invitation. A significant and encouraging feature was the presence of the younger generation of Catholics.

Dignitaries of the Church, by their presence and voice, gave their approval of the organization, and the objects aimed at. Mgr. Falconio, Papal Delegate, and Archbishop Duhamel graced the occasion with their presence, and spoke words of approbation.

Mr. Jno. P. Dunne, Grand Knight of the Local Council and State Deputy for Canada, presided at the opening meeting. The visiting orators were Very Rev. Dr. Conroy, Vicar-General of Ogdensburg, and Hon. John W. Hogan, of Syracuse, Deputy Supreme Knight of the Order.

Among others present were: Rev. Fathers Whelan, St. Patrick's; Wm. Murphy, O.M.I., St. Joseph's; Fay, Farrellton, Que.; James Fallon, Ottawa University; Davis, Perth; Sloan, Bayswater; McCauley, Dawson, Ont.; Twomey, Tweed; O'Connell, Kemptville; Foley, Fallowfield; French, Brudenel; Jacques, O.P., St. Jean Baptiste; Poulin, Clarence Creek; Etienne, Delegate's secretary, and McDonough, Kingston; Hon. Senator Powers, Speaker of the Senate; Hon. R. W. Scott, Hon. M. Sullivan, Hon. J. McSweeney, Thomas Magner, Burlington, Vt., Grand Coffer, of Montreal; John P. Kavanaugh, National Board of Directors; M. J. Haney, Geo. P. Brophy, and Chevalier Heney.

The evening's exercises were ushered in with an introductory ode "Sing Ye His Praises," rendered by the K. of C. choir. Immediately afterwards the Grand Knight, Mr. John P. Dunne, presented to His Excellency, the Papal Delegate, and Archbishop Duhamel, the members of the Local Council.

This was a very impressive proceeding, and the privilege of introduction was highly appreciated by the brethren. Before announcing the orators of the evening, the Grand Knight, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, thanked the distinguished prelates and clergy, representatives of the State and other guests for their acceptance of the invitation to assist at the opening of the new club house, and extended to all the warmest welcome—a genuine Cath-

olic welcome—then read the following letter of regret from His Lordship Bishop O'Connell of Portland.

Bishop's House,
Portland, April 18, 1902.

My dear Mr. Dunne,—It is with much sincere regret that I write you to say that circumstances render it impossible for me to attend the opening exercises of the Columbus Club on the 29th as I have been looking forward with pleasurable anticipation. Diocesan ecclesiastical matters which have developed since I last wrote to you, and which I could not at that time foresee, make my remaining here an absolute necessity from which I am utterly unable to escape. This matter will hold me from the 27th to the 30th, hence I hope you will release me from my promise. I trust that my inability to be present will not interfere with the success of the occasion. May this opening of the new club so important in the annals of the society, so auspicious in its promises for the future, so fruitful in enlarged activity for good be one to which the society may ever look back with pride and satisfaction.

I am, my dear Mr. Dunne,
Sincerely yours in Christ,
W. H. O'CONNELL,
Bishop of Portland.

Letters of regret were also received from the following prelates: The Archbishops of Halifax, Quebec, Montreal and Kingston, and the Bishops of Valleyfield, Antigonish, N.S., St. John, N.B., Three Rivers, Bathurst, N.B., Chicoutimi, St. Hyacinthe, Sherbrooke, Chatham, N.B., Alexandria, Hamilton, Peterborough, Pembroke and London.

The Grand Knight next introduced Rev. Dr. Conroy, who discussed eloquently, earnestly and logically from the standpoint of the pulpit, the aims and workings of the Order. It was an oration in the full sense of the word, an oration that inspired the Catholic audience with a legitimate pride in the Mother Church. Dr. Conroy established the fact that the Order is glorious and grand in its motives and ambitions, and a willing and active handmaid of the Church Militant. He dwelt forcibly and convincingly on the fact that the K. of C. while a secret society, is not secret or exclusive in the sense disapproved by the ecclesiastical authorities. Its innermost workings, its every move are at all times open to the scrutiny and subject to the sanction of Holy Church.

The eloquent speaker also referred in earnest and encouraging terms to the great benefits to be derived from the social nature of the Order, from the fact that members would be better able to meet and know one another, and be strengthened in the performance of their duties.

Frequent outbursts of applause marked the approval and appreciation of the audience.

Hon. John W. Hogan delivered an excellent address, in which he discussed the aims and aspirations of the Order from the standpoint of a devoted Catholic layman. He joined with Dr. Conroy, at the outset, in its

congratulating the officers and members of the Local Council, on the Christian enterprise displayed in the erection of the handsome Club House. Since the foundation of the Order, twenty years ago, the distinguished visitor stated, it has enjoyed continuous prosperity, and now embraces in its field of operation the United States and part of Canada. It has paid nearly a \$1,000,000 to beneficiaries, and has wielded a powerful influence in the formation of ideal Catholic character.

It has a membership of over 80,000, and is steadily gaining desirable recruits. Hon. Mr. Hogan referred appreciatively and eloquently to the sanction and support which has so willingly been extended the Order by the ecclesiastical authorities. His address bristled with arguments supporting its movements and its objects. In conclusion, the Deputy Supreme Knight respectfully placed before Archbishop Falconio, as direct representative of Pope Leo XIII., the record and plans of the Order. The address was throughout listened to with the closest attention and frequently punctuated with applause.

His Excellency Mgr. Falconio, the Apostolic Delegate, having been requested by the chairman to say a few words of encouragement to the Knights and bless them, said that he willingly complied with their wishes. He congratulated them on the beautiful new building just blessed by their beloved Archbishop, Mgr. Duhamel.

He expressed his conviction that the secret of success in Catholic Associations must be sought in the honesty of their aim, and the efficacy of the means for its realization. He thought that the aim of their Order was honest and praiseworthy, for it looked to the temporal advantages of its members, as well as to their spiritual wants, and to the revival of Christian charity and religious sentiments among their brethren. He said that the institution was thoroughly Catholic, since no one could be admitted into its ranks except practical Catholics. It had its chaplains, and claimed as an honor and privilege to be under the full jurisdiction of ecclesiastical authority, from whom he had been assured nothing could ever be concealed, and whom all should obey.

He observed that associations of this kind, as long as they are faithful to their aims and remain under the guidance of religion, form a real apostolate, and are of great help to the Church. He said that such apostolate of the laity to assist and help the clergy in their divine mission, was not a novelty in the Church. It had existed in all times since the first days of Christianity. It was the realization of that fer-

vent prayer which our Divine Lord had addressed to His Eternal Father before His passion and death, for the unity of all the members of the Church in the great work of our redemption.

He reminded his hearers that the object which the founder of their Order had in view was to form a brotherhood of determined practical Catholics, whose aim should be mutual assistance, charity towards all men and the strict observance of the teachings of the Church. If they always kept in view this aim, he had no doubt that their institution, under the safeguards of religion, would prove of great usefulness for the promotion of Catholic interests. He recalled to their minds all the good works which the Order had assumed to perform according to the printed report, which he had read, of the meeting of the New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus, held in Albany last February. On that occasion they had made a formal declaration of their intention to persevere in the works undertaken, and to faithfully discharge every obligation assumed as Catholic men in a great Catholic organization. He then enumerated some of the principal obligations of the Order, viz., to help in procuring the instruction of Catholics on the most important questions from the standpoint of the Church; to encourage organizations such as the "International Truth Society for correcting erroneous statements made against the teaching of religion; to place in public libraries books which fully represent real Catholic views on all important questions; to uplift their fellowmen; to protect the youth in their Christian education; to co-operate with their pastors in every good work approved by the Bishops, and to be always submissive to the authority of the Church.

The Delegate urged the members of the Order to faithfully follow this Christian programme; to work with earnestness and perseverance for its realization; to revive Christian virtues by their example; to show by a life of honesty and Christian rectitude, what a Catholic must be in an age of general relaxation, and to sustain, as much as in them lay, the Church against the attacks of infidelity and religious indifference.

His Excellency concluded by giving the Apostolic Benediction. Archbishop Duhamel, the beloved head of the Ottawa diocese, was next invited to address the audience. His Grace received an ovation significantly indicative of the warm place he holds in the hearts of the Catholics of the Capital. His Grace spoke as follows:—

After listening to the gentlemen who have so eloquently addressed you this evening, after the earnest words of His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate, who has given you his approval and his blessing— favors which you had looked for and in which I heartily concur—what more can you expect me to say? I assure you that it gives me great pleasure to be present on this auspicious occasion, and I compliment you, Knights of Columbus, on the good work you have already done, and which is in evidence in this beautiful and commodious building we have formally dedicated to-night. I see be-

fore me among your members many gentlemen of advanced years and also many young men, and it is for these young men particularly that I think your society is an excellent institution.

When I first had the happiness to be presented to His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., kneeling before him, I asked him in what way I could best do the work of my life, and his advice to me was, "take care of the young men."

I think this is also your aim. It is for this reason among others that your society deserves success. I again express my pleasure at being with you this evening, and again wish you success in your efforts as an apostolate of the laity, to further the interests of God and of Holy Church. The Archbishop's address was a characteristically happy effort, and it evoked great enthusiasm.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members and visitors partook of light refreshments. A general inspection of the club house followed. An excellent programme of music was rendered by a full orchestra stationed in the library. Members of an active and attentive reception committee were successful in their endeavors to add to the pleasure of the guests. The Local Council, No. 485, K. of C., which took formal possession of the hall, has a membership of 185. The principal officers are Grand Knight, John P. Dunne, Deputy Grand Knight M. J. Gorman, Chancellor, Hon. F. R. Latchford; lecturer, Dr. J. A. MacCabe, and chaplain, Rev. M. J. Whelan.

THE
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is centrally located on the north side of Maria street, midway between Elgin street and the new Laurier bridge across the Rideau Canal, and faces the large military park known as Cartier Square. It is 75 feet long by 45 feet wide, is built of brick with basement of stone, and has a double piazza 10 feet wide along the whole front. The main entrance is on the west side, thus making the piazza absolutely private. A broad stairway leads up to the entrance, which opens into a hallway 10 feet wide. On the right is the club room which is 20 feet wide and occupies the whole front of the build-

ing, with two transom doors opening on to the piazza. In the ornamental fan-lights over these doors are respectively the emblems of the Order, and a portrait of Columbus, all in stained glass. At the west end of the room is a large pressed brick fireplace, and on either side of it are oval windows with stained glass. At the other end of the room there is a cabinet and also a private cloak-room.

A hallway runs from the main entrance of the club room northward to the rear, at which is situated the members' robe room, and a private stairway leads from this room to the council chamber above. On the east side of the hallway are the reading room and library, which are connected by a double doorway. On the west side are two committee rooms, lavatory and kitchen. Ascending the main stairway to the first floor, one reaches the upper piazza by two transom doors, and there is a commodious antechamber on the left, as one enters the council room. This latter room is 50 feet long by 42 feet wide, and has an arched ceiling 15 feet high. At the north end is a platform 20 feet by 10, and on the west side of this an anferoom into which the private stairway above mentioned leads, while on the east side is another anferoom from which there is an entrance to the stage. In the attic are the janitor's quarters and also a large store room.

Descending again to the first floor, and proceeding by the stairway which leads directly from the main entrance hall to the basement, one finds on the left, extensive lavatories and bath-rooms, while on the right is a large billiard room, containing two billiard tables and two pool tables, with furnace room in the rear. The entire west half of the basement is occupied by the bowling alleys. The floors throughout are of hardwood, and the rest of the building, including the ceiling of the club room and hallways, are finished in British Columbia fir. The entire building is fitted with combination electric light and gas fixtures, and contains a complete system of electric bells, while the ventilation is on the most improved modern system.

The club room is furnished with sofas and chairs covered in dark green leather, with seal brown portieres and curtains. The library, reading room and committee rooms are furnished with oak tables and desks, and easy chairs. The furniture in the council chamber is of massive quartered golden oak, and the officers' chairs are upholstered in dark green leather. A parlor grand Knabe piano completes the furnishing of this apartment. The building and furniture have cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

The reading room is well supplied with all the leading Catholic magazines of the United States, England and Ireland, as well as a liberal selection of Catholic newspapers, and of the secular dailies.

It may be interesting to note that this is one of the first, if not the first Club House on the continent, owned and entirely occupied by the Knights of Columbus.

It is a credit to the Capital and the Order.

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