

**GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.**

On New Year's Day Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and many friends gathered during the day to congratulate them upon the happy occasion. The day was marked by a number of presentations, including the gift of an upholstered arm chair of golden oak from Clan McKenzie. Mr. and Mrs. White's residence, 16 St. James st., was tastefully decorated with greenery and magnificent palms were set in the vestibule. The dining room table was covered with flowers, while candelabra with red candles were disposed to advantage. More than one hundred and fifty of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. White called during the afternoon. A deputation from Clan McKenzie, headed by Piper Ross, also called and made the presentation already referred to, after which Mr. R. H. B. Tennant read an original acrostic, the names of Mr. and Mrs. White being spelled by the first letters of the lines. Members of the family, together with some intimate personal friends, gathered in the evening and Mr. and Mrs. White were presented with a gold clock and a pair of gold statuettes. The presentation was made by Mr. Joseph Finley, who also read a complimentary address.

In addition to the good wishes expressed in person by St. John friends, Mr. and Mrs. White received felicitations by mail and telegraph. During the day congratulatory telegrams were received from Mr. G. W. Ganong, M. P., Captain and Mrs. Lane and Miss Ring, of Somerville, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vradenburg, of Waltham, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gilchrist, of Malden, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ritchie, of Montreal. Mrs. Leslie White and children also sent a congratulatory address.

"THE REFORMATION."

The Protestant Reformation was once regarded by the Christian world outside of the Catholic Church as the greatest event, or series of events, since the coming of Christ. Here is a note from the editorial page of The Lamp, an Anglo-American organ: "The principles of the Reformation are things to be re-ent of with tears and ashes," so said Lord Halifax at the last English Church Congress, and we heartily agree with him. But the principles remain, while the Bible, and the divine character of the Founder of Christianity are evaporating. The Reformation has done its work thoroughly.

Globe, editorial.

POLITICS AND THE BENCH.

Announcement is made that Judge Henderson, of Vancouver, has resigned from the bench to become a candidate on the liberal side in the general provincial election now on. For some weeks past there have been intimations that Judge Henderson would take this course, and as a consequence there have been savage attacks on him and on the federal government in conservative papers. The Vancouver Telegram notably has had some caustic remarks on the subject. Both in principle and in practice it would be well to prevent occurrences of the kind that is criticized. It ought to be understood that when a man

retired from politics to take a seat on the bench he should entirely sever his connection with politics. There ought not to be any stepping from the bench to politics. Surely, there is not such a dearth of capable men in the country that candidates cannot be selected without going to the judiciary for them. It is well to remember, however, that the conservatives have been the greatest sinners in this respect. In 1885, when Sir John Macdonald required a capable Minister of Justice, he took Mr. Thompson, afterwards Sir John S. D. Thompson, from the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, although in obtaining a seat for him he found it necessary to appoint a liberal to the County Court bench. At the last federal election a rumor, which was generally believed, credited the conservatives with strongly urging a New Brunswick judge to resign and run for a constituency. However, whether conservatives or liberals are responsible, the practice is one that should be frowned upon.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Jan. 8.—One of the consequences of the new law of separation of Church and State was a demand on the part of certain extremists that the sentence "God Preserve France," which has hitherto appeared in raised letters on the malling of the five and twenty franc pieces, should be removed. This demand, which at first was ignored and even ridiculed at the "reductio ad absurdum" of the separation idea, has now been approved by the government, which, by a law dated January 5, orders the inscription removed from all coins which return to the treasury and omitted in the future from new coins. The well-known Republican legend, "Liberty, equality, fraternity," is to be substituted hereafter.

In the meantime, in the churches themselves, all is precisely as it was before December 9. Within the past fortnight visits to twenty of the principal churches of Paris has found the priests officiating as usual. Marriages, funerals and baptisms are being celebrated without any noticeable difference. Though the papers tell of churches here and there through the provinces being closed, they are immediately re-opened, while impulsive communal mayors are usually reprimanded for excess of zeal.

OPEN MEETING OF BRANCH NO. 133, C. M. B. A.

With the view of presenting the aims, objects and benefits of the C. M. B. A. an open meeting was held by Branch No. 133, West Side, in St. Patrick's Hall, on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance of members and others, including ladies. Mr. Thomas Morrissey, the president, was in the chair. The branch had arranged an excellent musical programme as follows: Quartette, Misses Bessie Wetmore, Mamie Murphy and Messrs. T. J. Fitzgerald and T. Morrissey; solo, J. Taylor; solo, J. T. Kelly; solo Miss Bessie Wetmore; trio, Miss Wetmore, T. J. Fitzgerald, T. Morrissey; solo, Miss Mamie Murphy; solo, Miss Retta Fitzgerald; solo, M. Morrissey. Rev. J. J. O'Donovan, spiritual adviser of the branch, made a brief and encouraging address. Mr. Thomas Kiekhean, grand deputy for the district, explained the work of the order, and gave many substantial reasons why young men should belong to it. Mr. Joseph Harrington, first vice-president of Branch No. 134 and Mr. J. Frank Owens, of the West side branch, also made interesting speeches. Altogether, the proceedings were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

A message of regret was received from the President of Branch No. 134, Mr. Richard O'Brien, stating his inability to be present.

A HOUSE WARMING.

The Natural History Society of New Brunswick threw wide open its doors on Tuesday night and welcomed to its new house on Union street nearly three hundred people, young and old, grave and gay, who all expressed themselves delighted with what they encountered.

The guests were received by a committee of the society, composed of the officers and members of the Council, and by Mrs. Matthew, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Geo. F. Smith and Miss Grace Leavitt. There was nothing formal in the proceedings, and the guests soon invaded the different rooms, all of which were in fine condition. The Museum was a great centre of attraction; the Street Railway Company had shown their good feeling by lighting it with a number of Welsbach burners, whose brilliant light brought out every object in a way to give pleasure to every investigator.

Hon. J. V. Ellis, the President, occupied the chair.

The President in an excellent address welcomed the guests of the society, and referred among other matters to the organization of the society in 1882.

The other speakers were Mayor Sears, Judge Willrich, U. S. Consul, Dr. Bridges, Superintendent of the City Schools, General Warner and Rev. W. C. Gaylor. All the addresses were interesting as well as brief. Father Gaylor's remarks were happily expressed and were well received.

The company then separated, and the refreshment room soon became very popular. It was prettily decorated with flowers, and other ornaments, supreme among which were the ladies in charge and their assistants, a capital corps of active young girls, whose patience and perseverance were unbending. The following ladies formed the tea room committee: Mrs. Robert Lovitt, Mrs. George Heggan, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. Cougle, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Secord, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. George Murray, Mrs. John McAvity, Miss Walker and Mrs. Calhoun.

The house warming was certainly a very pleasant one, and the committee of ladies by whom it was arranged must feel delighted at their successes.

FEBRUARY 14 TH.

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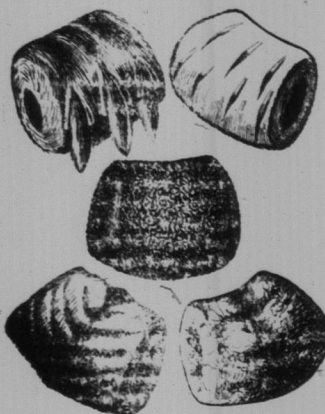
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