

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At the regular meeting of Division No. 1, A.O.H., held in their hall, No. 662 1/2 Craig street, Tuesday evening, January 22nd, 1895, the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas: It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite goodness, to remove from our midst our beloved brother and worthy member, Michael Henry Brennan, who departed this life on Friday, Jan. 18th, 1895; and,

Whereas: Whilst we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doth all things well, we cannot but deeply feel the loss of such a worthy member, for in the death of our beloved brother our Division loses one of its most active members—one who has always been zealous for the good and welfare of our noble Order, and in whom was truly embodied the threefold principles of "Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity." His once happy home has been made desolate by the loss of a kind husband and father and a beloved brother; therefore, be it

Resolved,—That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family in this their hour of deepest sorrow and affliction, and hope that our mutual loss will be his eternal gain; and be it further

Resolved,—That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, and that we present a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, and that they be spread on the minutes of this Division and be published in THE TRUE WITNESS. (Signed)

BERNARD FEENEY.
REDMOND KEYS.

A NEW DIVISION.

No. 4 Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has been organized in this city. For some time past a movement has been on foot for the formation of a division in the East End of the city, and owing to the perseverance and energetic work of Mr. Michael Birmingham, Provincial Secretary of the Order, the Division was organized, and officers installed in St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Hall, by County President Dunn. There was a large attendance of members of other Divisions, including the Provincial and County officers, who delivered instructive and appropriate addresses for the occasion.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in existence, its formation dating back to 1760. Divisions of the Order are established all over the civilized world wherever the English tongue is spoken; its membership at the present time is fully 350,000; it is a benevolent society, its special object being to raise a fund for maintaining the sick or disabled and for the burial of deceased brothers.

The officers for the ensuing year have all been elected and are as follows:—Redmond Keys, provincial president; Michael Birmingham, provincial secretary; Thomas N. Smith, provincial treasurer.

HOOHELAGA COUNTY.

Andrew Dunn, county president; W. J. Burke, county secretary.

Division No. 1.—George Clarke, president; Dennis Barry, vice-president; Thomas Tisdale, rec. secretary; James McIver, fin. secretary; Patrick Scullion, treasurer; B. Feeney, sergt.-at-arms; Patrick Logue, marshal.

Division No. 2.—R. A. Dunn, president; Chas. McAlear, vice-president; T. N. Smith, recording secretary; John Walsh, financial secretary; Michael McCarthy, treasurer; Thos. Brennan, guard; J. H.aney, marshal.

Division No. 3.—M. F. Nolan, president; M. J. Brogan, vice-president; B. Wall, recording secretary; John McShane, financial secretary; W. J. Burks, treasurer; F. Mooney, guard; W. P. Stanton, marshal.

Division No. 4.—John McCabe, president; W. J. Kelly, vice-president; Nicholas Hayes, recording secretary; James Gleham, financial secretary; W. Gleason, treasurer; John Kelly, chairman standing committee; Jas. O'Brien, guard; M. McKeown, marshal.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

Mr. J. H. Brown will give a Phrenological lecture on character reading, in St. Anthony's Young Men's hall, St. Antoine Street, on Friday evening, at 8. The lec-

ture will be enlivened by public examinations of some members of the audience. All members are invited to bring their gentlemen friends. A most enjoyable evening is expected.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS ARE THE SOLE JUDGES OF THE CANONICAL ERECTION OF PARISHES—THE CIVIL COURTS CANNOT INTERFERE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Privy Council has dismissed the appeal of Alexandre vs. Brassard from the judgment of the Quebec Court of Queen's Bench on the 27th day of June, 1892, relating to the new parish of St. Blaise.

The Council also dismissed, with costs, the appeal of Casgrain vs. the Atlantic and North-West Railway.

This case was originally known as that of Samoisette and Brassard, but the former retired, and the appellant was Mr. Alexandre. The effect of the judgment is that the Roman Catholic bishops are sole judges of their actions regarding the canonical erection of parishes, and that the civil courts cannot interfere.

This was the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, upholding the decision of Judge Tellier. In the former Court, however, Judge Hall dissented in an elaborate judgment. The principal question at issue was whether the civil courts of the province of Quebec have jurisdiction in any matters affecting the erection of parishes under a canonical decree of the bishop of the diocese. Under Article 3271 of the Revised Statutes of Quebec, which is the law regulating the erection of parishes, it is provided that in certain cases, such as the erection of a new parish, the division of an old parish, etc., the consent of a majority of the freeholders of the district affected shall be obtained. In the present case, after the usual proceedings the bishop of the diocese, Mgr. Fabre, made a canonical decree for the erection of a new parish, to be known as St. Blaise, made up not of any territory not previously a parish territory, but taking parts of three existing parishes and uniting them into a new parish, under the name of St. Blaise. The three old parishes affected are those of St. Jean, Sainte Marguerite de B'airfindie and Saint Valentin. In these circumstances it was claimed by those opposed to the erection of a new parish that the consent of the majority of the freeholders in each of the parishes affected should have been obtained, and that this not having been done, the formalities requisite for the decree, so far as civil effects at least, was null and void.

Judge Hall had held that the Superior Court had ample power to assume jurisdiction over the proceedings of the ecclesiastical authorities and civil commissioners in the premises, and that the judgment of the court below should have been reversed.

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THE POPE AND THE SOCIALISTS.

PARIS, February 8.—The Petit-Meridional, in Montpellier, reports a long conversation which Deputy Paul Vigne, Radical Socialist, had with the Pope during his recent visit to Rome. In answering a question concerning Socialism, His Holiness says:

"If Socialism means the efforts made to improve the condition of the poorer classes in a progressive, prudent and reasonable manner, if you apply that idea to whatever has been done to realize more socialist justice in the government of man, then it is impossible to pursue a nobler aim. Such was the work of Christianity which inaugurated the era of clemency and pity and true fraternity at a time when cruel paganism was supreme and when the Roman world was in apogee. To occupy one's self with the social question with a clear conception of the grave responsibilities and resting on all who hold wealth and authority, is to continue the work of the Divine Master. It is what I have noticed doing since my advent to the throne."

THE LENTEN PREACHERS.

Rev. Father Rondot, of the Dominican order at St. Hyacinthe, is to preach the Lenten season at New Orleans; Rev. Father Mothan at Notre Dame in this city, and Rev. Father Knapp in New York.

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