

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities—Current Calendar.

BRANCH 13.

C. M. B. A. of St. Francis Xavier parish have elected the following officers: Spiritual adviser, Rev. Father Netzel; chancellor, Albert Schmidt; president, Joseph B. Shaler; first vice-president, Henry Neidinger; second vice-president, Anthony Strauss; recording secretary, Andrew Lambert; assistant secretary, Peter Nagle; financial secretary, William Brill; treasurer, Valentine Sanders; marshal, Sylvester Hasenauer; trustees, Joe Drexler, Peter Mathes, Chas. Bichtold; representatives to the central council, Richard Hill and Ferdinand Roser.

BRANCH 82.

Branch 82 elected the following officers: Spiritual adviser, Rev. P. X. Sinclair, D. D.; President John Strasser; first vice-president, John Longmore; second vice-president, James Bryant; recording secretary, Henry J. Renard; assistant recording secretary, John Fingerhut; treasurer, John R. Gullen; marshal, Henry Raush; guard, Joseph Schlick; trustees, Ferdinand Bredendach, Dr. Joseph McKay; delegates to Central Council, John R. Galen and John G. Kimmel.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

The following officers for the ensuing year have been elected by St. Francis Xavier: President, Henry Dengler; first vice-president, Jacob Sammenfink; second vice-president, Charles Ammering; recording secretary, Frank Kitcher; financial secretary, Otto C. Popp; assistant, August Nunn; treasurer, Frank Horn; marshal, Nicholas Fieck; assistants, John Hasenauer and William Nagel.

BRANCH 88.

St. Patrick's Cathedral Branch, No. 88, have elected the following officers for the year 1898: Spiritual adviser, Rev. James P. Kieran; chancellor, H. D. Maguire; president, James A. Brown; first vice-president, Thomas McNamara; second vice-president, Bernard McDonnell; recording secretary, Richard F. Noonan; assistant recording secretary, Edward H. Kanan; financial secretary, James Garvey; treasurer, Charles E. Gore; marshal, Thomas Kilcay; guard, Edward Moriarty; trustees for two years, Thomas Frazer, Timothy Downes, delegates to Central Council—President, James A. Brown; Recording Secretary, R. F. Noonan; Financial Secretary, James A. Garvey; H. D. Maguire and Patrick Cauley.

The branch will have a banquet January 12, 1898, the night of the installation of officers.

Y. M. I.

The Young Men's Institute have elected the following officers: Deputy grand president, Joseph T. Otto; deputy grand organizer, William J. Bucklage; past president, Dr. Marriott; chaplain, Rev. F. Hargrader; president, E. J. Maier; first vice-president, Joseph A. Frolicher; second vice-president, Joseph A. Hall; recording secretary, Frank J. Koch; financial secretary, William J. Bucklage; corresponding secretary, Dr. John Ready; treasurer, George Herring; marshal, Fred Fisher; inside sentinel, John Kolt; outside sentinel, Joseph Sander; executive committee, Louis Fin, Joseph T. Otto, Edward Hahn; insurance secretary, Joseph A. Reulbach.

DIVISION 2.

At the last regular meeting of Division 2 the following named were duly elected officers for the year '98: President, Cornelius O'Neil, vice-president, Martin B. O'Neil; recording secretary, Edward Moriarty; financial secretary, Thomas Frazer; treasurer, Charles E. Gore; standing committee, Dennis O'Brien, Joseph McKague, Michael O'Connor, James Toolin, James Moroney. Under the head of "good and welfare," Brother E. Burke of Division 4 addressed the meeting and made some very interesting and instructive remarks. Bro. J. F. Redding of Division 6 also spoke, as did Bro. Dolan in his usual eloquent manner. Among others present were Brothers Timothy Maloney, Dennis Allen and Nicholas Downs of Division 1. Visiting brothers are always welcome to the meetings of Division No. 2.

Auxiliary 5, A. O. H. have elected the following officers: President, Mrs. H. O'Hara; first vice-president, Mrs. M. Murphy; second vice-president, Mrs. S. Thompson; recording secretary, Miss T. McGraw; financial secretary, Mrs. E. R. Gibson; guide, Miss R. Hayden; guard, Miss M. Strogen.

Knight of Columbus.

Rochester Council will give third degree at Geneva the latter part of the month probably the 29th inst.

The state convention of the Knights of Columbus will assemble in Troy on the first Tuesday in February. Each council in the state will be entitled to send two delegates who will make about 200 delegates who will attend. Great preparations are being made for the convention and the entertainment of the delegates.

A new Council will be formed in Carthage on the 19th inst., under the auspices of Ogdensburg and Watertown.

On Wednesday the third degree was given by Syracuse council. Forty-five candidates received the degree which was given by Past State Deputy John J. Delaney. The number of visitors was very large. A banquet was given after the ceremonies.

Division No. 1 will celebrate its ninth anniversary on Dec. 30th. The division was organized Dec. 28th, 1888 and the charter list contained only thirteen members. James E. Burke was the first president and to him and the officers of the first division in this city are due in no small degree the success of the organization in Rochester and surrounding counties, for through their efforts besides building up the order here, divisions were organized in Erie county, Allegany county, and Livingston county. It is worthy of note that the original 13 are all still living and three of them Brothers Burke, Dunn, and Claffey, respectively president, vice-president and recording secretary, held the same offices when the division was organized nine years ago. Surely

this is a record to be proud of and all true Hibernians will unite in rejoicing with the original thirteen on this occasion.

Cathedral council, Catholic Benevolent Legion was formed December 9th in Cathedral hall by John C. Heughes as deputy organizer of the Rochester district, assisted by Deputy John E. Maier and William C. Mallon, secretary of Rochester council. There were also present J. P. Henry, state grand vice-president; Robert Siebert treasurer of Flower City council; Theodore Huber, president of Rochester council, and other prominent members. The new council organized with the following officers: President, Fred A. McGill; vice president, William Kruff; secretary, Thomas J. Naylor; treasurer, Wm. L. O'Laughlin; chancellor, William J. Burke; collector, D. O'Brien, marshal, John McGlynn; guard, Thomas Barrett; orator, John F. Dunn; board of trustees, William Kenealy, James H. Clark and Thomas J. Barrett.

Hibernian Rifles.

On Tuesday evening another member was added to the rolls, which is surely an encouragement to the boys. In three weeks they have mustered in three new recruits, and two applications are now in the hands of the officers awaiting their approval. The company has decided to have two representatives in the new county board. This is a step in the right direction, and one that will cement a union between Company A and the county board, which we hope will be lasting and beneficial to both, and join hand in hand to have every eligible Irish-American in the county enrolled under our banner before our state convention in Syracuse, knowing that upon our effort depends the destinies of our fatherland and the uplifting of our race. Then let us work for that end, and there is no good reason why the success of the past should not continue in the future.

The boys are much pleased with the selection of Third Sergeant Connors to fill an official position in Division 2, and we feel assured that, judging from the efficient manner in which he served the company as treasurer, Division 2 could not have selected a more capable member on its roll of officers.

The installation of officers has been postponed from January 4 to Wednesday, January 5th, and all members are requested to be present at the next meeting, December 21.

Corporal Moore reported to the company that Mrs. Quilivan was confined to her home by illness, but we hope she will be around again in a short time, as her illness causes the unavoidable absence of our captain, and he is so seldom absent that we miss him the more.

Society Calendars.

C. M. B. A.

Monday—184.
Wednesday—34, 88, 117, 131.
Thursday—80.
Friday—87.

O. R. & B. A.

Monday—25, 88.
Tuesday—18.
Wednesday—23, 59, 66.
Thursday—44, 50.
Friday—39.

D. O. F. E.

Tuesday—5, 6.

A. O. H.

Monday—2.
Tuesday—3.
Wednesday—1, 7.

C. W. B. L.

Tuesday—59, 1.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

REV. JOHNSON'S POLITICAL SERMON.

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Special Correspondence of CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A great many assertions and denials have been made as to what the Rev. Hugh Johnson said at the Metropolitan Methodist church when the President was one of his auditors. The sermon was a political one, and here is a part of what he said about the Catholic Church as one of the dangers to American institutions.

"A noxious danger is the avowed propaganda of ultramontaniam on the Continent, and the secret of Jesuitism. This is no more a sectarian question, but one of public policy and equal rights. Our public school system is essential to our free institutions. Why? Because the ballot without intelligence is a doubtful boon and a menace to our freedom.

Another foundation principle is the absolute divorce of church and state. But here is a politico-religious organization over feeding at the public crib, siphoning millions out of the public chest, assailing our public school and pronouncing our liberty the liberty of perdition."

This Reverend bigot then quoted the following statements printed in some A. P. or kindred publication and long since denied.

"Says Cardinal Antonelli, 'It is better that the children should grow up in ignorance than be educated in such a system of schools,' and says Archbishop Williams, 'Let there be no noisy barking against the public schools. A still hunt is what the church wants—A still hunt and every priest to do all his power to break down the public schools. They expect to triumph here. America is the home of Rome' says the present Pope. 'The man living to-day who will see the majority of the people of America Roman Catholic,' says another."

He then compliments the church for its religious work, intimates that it has a secret organization which tries to deprive those not in the church of just rights and then turns his attention to the Jesuits in this language.

"But we want no alien system to become a menace to our free institutions, and we want no political power, like Jesuitism, the most infernal system that ever cursed the earth, to subvert our liberties and destroy our government. Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

"It is time for the long-suffering American people to say to the whole intriguing band, 'You, Jesuit Fathers, are entitled to all rights and liberties of thought, speech, press and worship, but in the name of American liberty and fair play, we lift up our hands and swear by Almighty God you shall not do in this country as you have done in Spain, in Mexico, in Italy; you shall not rule us.' Those words were printed the next day in one of our city papers and the Reverend Pastor, saw no reason to deny their correctness until such comment was made upon them days afterwards as they deserved, then he made a feeble effort at denial, but never called on the paper which printed the words to correct the error. The Reverend Doctor ought to be made Chaplain to deliver the sermon over the remains of the A. P. A.—That is the office furniture which was sold for debt a few days ago.

There is no question but what His Holiness the Pope, possesses greater power of expression than any other living writer. Take this sentence for instance:

"Man preceeds the State, and possesses, prior to the formation of any State, the right of providing for the sustenance of his body. Now to affirm that God has given the earth for the use and enjoyment of the whole human race is not to deny that private property is lawful." There is more in those few lines than is generally found in a book. It is the most complete answer ever made to the class of writers who claim that all property should be held in common. It crushes the theory as easily by the use of fifty words as a stalwart blacksmith could crush an egg shell with a sledge hammer. The crudest mind can comprehend this. Knowledge of the existing conditions are shown in the following:

"The elements of the conflict now raging are unmistakable, in the vast expansion of industrial pursuits and the marvelous discoveries of science; in the changed relations between masters and workmen; in the enormous fortunes of some few individuals, and the utter poverty of the masses; in the increased self-reliance and closer mutual combination of the working classes; as also, finally in the prevailing moral degeneracy." There is no man to-day, in the daily turmoil of public affairs, as leaders of men and nations, who know and knowing could state the facts so concisely and it is well to keep such statements from the Holy Father before the Catholics of the country.

A very persistent effort will be made in the congress which convened to-day to prevent any appropriation for the Catholic Indian schools or for the several munificent charities established in this city by the church. The pretence is that the schools and charities being private institutions the government should not aid them. It is hatred of the church that animates these people, not love of country nor fear of church influence.

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