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NEW ALBANY.

Greatest Gathering of Hibernians Ever Assembled in Southern Indiana.

Eloquent Addresses Delivered by State and County Officers.

The Good Work Done by a Number of Energetic Members.

FIFTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

Last Sunday was a gala day for the Hibernians of New Albany, when the largest gathering that ever assembled in Southern Indiana met in Holy Trinity Hall to assist Division 1 of that city in the ceremony of initiating fifty-six members. Both the Dinky and Daisy lines were compelled to run extra coaches to accommodate the throngs that attended from this city and Jeffersonville. There was not a single division in Jefferson county or Floyd county, Ind., that was not well represented.

Some time ago it was announced in these columns that the New Albany Hibernians had received a letter from their State President urging them to renewed effort to increase their membership. In response thereto a special committee was appointed early in December to carry out President O'Hara's suggestions, and how well they performed their duty was demonstrated Sunday afternoon, when as fine a body of men as could be found anywhere were admitted to the order, and from this event will date a new era in Indiana Hibernianism.

Holy Trinity Hall, which was taxed to its capacity, was handsomely decorated in colors suitable to the occasion, with a magnificent portrait of St. Patrick hanging over the chair occupied by President Dan Walsh.

Committees met the 2 and 2:30 o'clock trains and escorted the visitors to the hall, when President Walsh ascended to the President's chair and called the meeting to order. Routine business was disposed of with dispatch, and then Martin Cusick, State President of Kentucky, was introduced as the first speaker.

He was given a hearty greeting, but owing to the great amount of work that remained to be done he would consent to say only a few words, congratulating the New Albany brethren not only on the immense crowd on the inside but also the large number on the outside waiting to gain admission. He demonstrated how living up to the laws of the order would make each one a better and more highly respected citizen and laid particular stress upon the many fraternal advantages to be derived from membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

James Coleman, State Secretary for Kentucky, was the next speaker, and he dwelt at some length upon the noble precepts of the order, friendship, unity and true Christian charity, and also the beauties of the ritual. Secretary Coleman is a forcible speaker and his remarks were not without leaving their impression.

County President Patrick Kennedy and John Morgan, assisted by President Patrick Sullivan and John J. Barrett, then presented the forty-six candidates for initiation. The ceremony was made interesting by John Barrett's exemplification of the motto of the order, during which he complimented the candidates and urged them to be zealous in their work for the society. President Dan Walsh hereupon administered the obligation in a most impressive manner, and the occasion will live forever in the memory of each and every one.

County President John A. Murphy was next introduced and made one of his excellent talks, particularly addressed to the new members, and his reference to the Boers aroused much enthusiasm.

President William Reilly and John Kenny, of Jeffersonville, also responded to calls, and much regret was expressed that James Dougherty could not remain to address the meeting.

President John Hennessy extended a cordial invitation to his New Albany brethren to visit Division 4. He was followed by Patrick Sullivan, whose description of his hobbies created much mirth.

President Frank Cunningham also addressed himself to the young men just admitted, quoting several apt sayings of President John Keating.

David O'Connell, ex-County President of Jefferson county, though far down on the programme, made one of the hits of the day. He declared that for once he found himself without anything to say, and then proceeded with the delivery of an unusually eloquent and witty address, during which he told of what a good school the Ancient Order of Hibernians was for its members. He concluded with a story that convulsed his hearers with laughter, and sat down amid rounds of applause.

There several calls for John J. Egan, who responded briefly, as did several others.

Secretary John Flynn, for the division, acknowledged the services of the Membership Committee in a spirited address, a compliment deservedly bestowed. He also paid a glowing tribute to the Kentucky Irish American, commending it to the public at large, and then introduced

the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, We, the members of Division 1, A. O. H., of Floyd county, Ind., appreciate the presence of Brothers Martin Cusick, State President of Kentucky; State Secretary James Coleman, County President John A. Murphy, County President James Dougherty, Presidents William T. Meehan, Patrick Sullivan, John Hennessy and Frank Cunningham, of Louisville; William M. Higgins, of Jeffersonville; William M. Higgins, of the Kentucky Irish American, and the many distinguished brothers from Louisville and Jeffersonville in this initiation; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to them our heartfelt thanks for their presence this afternoon and cordially invite them to visit our division whenever possible.

When the visitors were leaving the reception committee passed around a box of excellent blue label cigars, which were greatly enjoyed.

It would be out of place to attempt to particularize among the members of the New Albany division for the purpose of bestowing credit for the marked success of their undertaking, but mention must be made of County President Pat Kennedy, County Secretary James O'Hara, County Treasurer John McBarron, President Dan Walsh, Vice President John Winn, the Messrs. Higgins, Russell, Contractor O'Hara, ex-Sheriff John Thornton and John J. Lyons, to whose efforts is mainly due the glory of the most successful and enthusiastic meeting of Hibernians held for many years in any of the Falls Cities.

SOME NOTES.

John Egan will prove an invaluable addition to the New Albany division.

Will Schnell and Mike Flahive brought up the rear Sunday, but managed to arrive on time.

Nothing will promote the growth of the order as rapidly as frequent meetings like that of last Sunday.

Division 4 had the largest delegation last Sunday. This made President Hennessy smile long though not loud.

John J. Lyons is not only the biggest but the jolliest Hibernian in New Albany and visitors should always meet him.

Thomas Cleary, the popular First-street saloonist, procured the rabbit's foot and bestowed it upon State President Cusick.

All regretted the inability of Tom Keenan, the genial President of Division 1, to attend the New Albany exercises.

The Higginses of New Albany would form the nucleus for a good division. There are nine of them members of Division 1.

Secretary John F. Flynn's handsome recognition of the Kentucky Irish American was heartily appreciated by its many friends.

While Col. Joe Taylor could not spend the entire day with his Indiana friends, they were pleased with his presence and encouragement.

John Egan furnished much amusement, and his pronouncement on marriage was mirth provoking. You won't catch him napping.

Dan McDonald, of Division 4, headed a lively delegation, destined to keep to the front the fact that the Mc's and O's are as numerous as ever.

Division 3 was represented over the river by its President, Joe Taylor, John Cavanaugh, Phil Cavanaugh, Edward Malone and a large following.

Ex-Sheriff John Thornton came all the way from Edwardsville to be at the meeting last Sunday. His presence was greatly appreciated by the members.

Edward Malone, of Division 3, one of the old guard, was one of the most interested visitors to New Albany. He sets a worthy example for the young men, for which he deserves special recognition.

President William Meehan, John Barrett, Con Ford, John Kinney and Secretary Keane certainly held up the reputation of Division 2. They added materially to the pleasure of the trip over the river.

John Cavanaugh, Secretary of Division 3, is as well known across the river as in Louisville. His reception was a warm one, a crowd surrounding him all the time. There are few Hibernians more popular than he.

Jeffersonville was largely represented. In addition to the officers mentioned elsewhere, prominent among the delegation were Peter Madden, Will Shea and John Kenney, who marshaled their forces in excellent style.

Division 1 furnished a representative delegation in Messrs. John Mulloy, Peter Cusick, Thomas Cleary, Louis Perrand, Patrick Liston, James Keane, Tim Lyons, the pioneer, and the Hibernian reporter for the Kentucky Irish American.

Among those who accompanied President Hennessy were noticed Lieut. Jerry Hallahan, Tom Lynch, Harry Brady, John Mellon, Pat O'Hern, William Ansburo, Edward Rafferty, John Gilmore, Pat Burke, Charles Callahan and Pat Kane.

ANOTHER BIG CONTRACT.

Messrs. O'Hara and Lee, the well known New Albany contractors, last week began the construction of a switch that will connect the J. M. & I. railroad with the Hardwood Bent Works in their city. The contract is a big one and will give employment to a number of men for the next two weeks. They have several others in view, and the indications are that they will get the most important work to be done this season in Southern Indiana.

A young man's best friend is never too good to be true.

FOXY OLD CHAP.

The Irish Brigade With the Boers in the Siege of Ladysmith.

Americans Are Husky Young Fellows From the Middle West.

Red Necks Will Not Be Hot to Rush Against the Green Flag.

WENT AT THEM IN IRISH FASHION.

The following letter has just been received from James F. Dunn, a former Irish-American resident of Lowell, Mass., now a member of the Irish Brigade in the Transvaal army. It will prove interesting reading to the many who sympathize with the Boers in their struggle for liberty, because it bears the stamp of truthfulness:

I don't know whether you have heard any news from here since the war started, and I ought to give you some of the real facts of what is occurring. This letter will reach you by way of Lorenzo Marquez, by the German mail line. No letter can go out of the Boer republics through British sources, as the letters are opened, read and destroyed. The English control the cables, and I have no doubt, from what we hear in our camps, that the real condition of things never reaches the outside world.

When the war broke out most of the mine owners, speculators, managers and even paid officials of the Rhodes clique ran off to the Cape just as quickly as trains could carry them. The foreigners—German, French, Irish, Scotch and even English, who are called Outlanders, have joined the Boer army. You must remember that these are the men the British pretended they wish to help, to rescue from tyranny and all that, and yet they are in arms against the so-called liberators.

The fact is that all the nonsense about the wrongs of the Outlanders was cooked up by the Rhodes gang for the English papers. I have lived here for two years and I have yet to learn that we have any wrongs—political, religious, commercial or any other. The men who wronged and threatened and bulldozed the miners—I mean the working miners—were the Rhodes crowd, fellows of the Hammond stamp, who were getting fat salaries for working the mines and the papers for their English bosses. It was a great pity—so far as humanity and liberty were concerned—that Jameson, Hammond and the rest of them were not strung up after the raid.

When the war broke out brigades of foreigners were organized at once. The Germans have a brigade of 2,000 men or more, nearly all men trained in the army in Germany and commanded by men of their own country—trained officers. There is a mixed brigade of French, Scotch and English, who have their own officers, and they are doing good. We have an Irish brigade of over 2,500, the majority of whom are men from California and the West, with quite a sprinkling from the old country and the Cape. Our commander is Col. Blake, a West Pointer, who used to be in the regular cavalry at home and a jim dandy, a fighter and a tactician that West Point may be proud of.

We are getting new men every day; they come in from Lorenzo Marquez, and are from every country in Europe and the States. The Americans are mostly husky young fellows from the middle West who have served in the Spanish war and the regular army, and we have quite a few from around Boston, New York and Philadelphia. All these fellows—Irish, German and Yank—get into our brigade, for they feel more at home with us, under officers and men who have followed the old flag, and they are giving the "Red Necks," as the Boers call them, plenty of fun.

It was our brigade—we had about 1,200 on the firing line that day—that scooped in the Irish Fusiliers at Dundee, and had the Boer contingent had more experience in military matters we could have got the whole of Yule's bunch, horse, foot and wagon, for I never saw a worse beaten, demoralized crowd than that same British army. They are mostly pushing the Scotch and Irish regiments against us, and we are able to take care of them. They may have English regiments, but they keep them back in reserve, for we haven't seen them, though we are red hot to get a crack at them.

Gen. Joubert is a foxy old chap, and refuses to let us take any chances that are uncertain, and he is dead against any military grand stand tactics. He won't allow any charges or attacks on fortified places; he makes the British do that business, and then he seeks them. The consequence is that the English lose five men killed and wounded where we lose only one.

The English artillery is fairly good, though their guns are not up to ours, but their infantry and cavalry can't hit a flock of barns. We are now entrenched around Ladysmith, with a strong force down at the fords of the Tugela, intrenching and waiting for that advance of the British we are promised, and we have lots of commandos chasing down through Natal to keep the Boer off the enemy.

We have Witte and about 10,000 men

cooped up in Ladysmith, and we will get the whole bunch as sure as shooting. We have the hills overlooking the town, which is down in a hole, fortified, and we shell the place occasionally to keep them guessing, but we place reliance strongly on dirt, disease and hunger to capture them.

The town doesn't amount to anything, but the Johnnies have about \$5,000,000 worth of arms, munitions and supplies that will come handy. White is in a tight place, and his camp is tough; heat, dust, rain, mud and anxiety are our allies, and they are badly demoralized.

They used to make sorties and rush hills, but we had orders to drop back and let them rush, and when they got tired we occupied our old positions and soaked them as they limped back to camp. They were wearing themselves out. A few days ago they came out in strength, and when the Boers retired Blake held to our position and we waited for them, running up the green flag to make them raw. The Boers don't carry bayonets; the Irish brigade does.

They shelled our position for an hour, dropping shells over and beyond us, but doing no particular harm. Blake passed the word along the line to wait and give them a good fight.

A real English regiment came at our position and their officers called and urged them on. I am in Cassidy's company—he is an Arizona man—and we have half a dozen fellows from Tucson who are dead shots. We lay low, squinted over the breastworks, while our Tucson fellows tumbled over officer after officer.

When they reached the foot of the hill, Blake ordered us to cease firing, and told a few men from each company to yell, jump up and pretend to run away. This encouraged the Johnnies to cheer, and they came up the hill panting and shouting wildly. When about 100 feet from us we let them have it from Mauser, Mannlicher and Maxim, and Blake yelled:

"Now, boys, give them a taste of the real thing."

The cheer that went up could be heard a mile off, and we went over the intrenchments at them with the bayonet.

Surprised? You never saw anything like it. A volley point blank, and then the metal. We went at them in good Irish fashion, and some of the Yanks and Ohio chaps were wilder than the Turks. The redcoats wouldn't stand for it but went down the hill on a break and out into the open, sprinting like greyhounds. We marched back about one-sixth of them, and there was a badly mauled lot lying around that we sent into the English lines that night, as we preferred to let them have the bother of doctoring them.

They won't be very hot to rush a hill with a green flag over it again, I imagine. The regiment was Gloucestershire or some other such name—I don't recall it just now—and if they don't get any better material than that to fight us the English are more likely to march into the Indian ocean than into the Transvaal.

I suppose the English are rushing in all the men they can get hold of, but we have our backs to the mountains and they have to come at us over our own fortified positions, they will need a quarter of a million men to do the work.

Counting those we have in the field, those at Pretoria and around, and the men who have come from Europe in two months, we can count up almost a hundred thousand men, and we have supplies to last two years. Our people are all over the colony, and we get all the news there is to be had. The accounts sent by the English come back to us, and the fellow that runs the intelligence department and sends out the news is a star—the noblest liar of them all. You want to take no stock whatever in him; we are all right. The only thing we are short of is doctors and medicines; but we ought to have a better staff of physicians and an ambulance corps, and I suppose they will be organized soon, as these things are to arrive from Europe.

The siege of the town drags along and it may be two months before it surrenders. We are going to move down toward Colenso in a couple of days, leaving about 500 of our brigade as support for the siege train. The Boer commandos and recruits from Natal will be put on duty here to watch White, for we can hold them with green men, while the seasoned fellows go down toward the Tugela. The German steamer sails in a couple of days, and this letter will go by that; if it catches the Brindisi boat in season you ought to get it by the new year.

I don't know when I'll get a chance to write again. Address me at Pretoria, Cassidy's company of Col. Blake's commando, and I'll get it in good time, if I'm alive.

CAPT. LAWLER BUSY.

Capt. Mike Lawler, the well-known contractor, who was in the city for a few days this week, has returned to Aurora, Ind., where he has a large force of men employed building new bridges for the B. & O. S. W. Railway Company. During the last three months Mr. Lawler has rebuilt several bridges for the B. & O. S. W. in Indiana, and has contracts that will keep him and many men busy until the close of the year 1900, some of them running well up in the thousands. He is a practical workman himself, and his many friends here are gratified over his success.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

The Dominican fathers are taking a religious census of their congregation, number of communicants, pewholders, etc. They hope to bring into the fold a great many of those who have been neglecting their duties for some time.

LIMERICK'S WATCH SYSTEM.

The new night watch system in Limerick is unquestionably a vast improvement on the old order, but it is a question whether it will not have to

INSTALLATIONS.

Officers Who Will Guide Leading Catholic Societies This Year.

Branch 2, Catholic Knights and Ladies, Still in the Lead.

Annual Reports Were Encouraging and Membership Increasing.

FUTURE PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

During the past two weeks the many Catholic fraternal societies in Louisville held their annual meetings and installed officers for the ensuing year. It is gratifying to note that in each case a substantial and solid growth has been reported, both numerically and financially. There are few, if any, fraternal organizations that pay sick and death claims with the promptness which distinguishes the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America. These two organizations also provide various forms of amusement and entertainment for their members, which add much to their popularity and the benefits derived.

Branch 2 of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America still continues the banner branch of that order, with over 400 members in good standing. Effort will be made to increase the number to 500 ere the semi-annual reports are due. The report of the Treasurer, Miss Mary Hayden, who was recently assaulted and robbed by Harry Marks, showed the branch to be in better financial condition than ever before. There was a large attendance to witness the installation and the occasion was a pleasant one. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

President—Patrick Holley.
Vice President—John J. Reilly.
Recording Secretary—Miss Mary Sheridan.
Financial Secretary—James Coleman.
Assistant—Miss Mary Corcoran.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Hayden.
The Trustees yet remain to be selected.

The annual meeting of Branch 96 of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America was also an unusually interesting one, with a large attendance of members. The reports of the officers were very encouraging, and the suggestions contained therein will, when carried out, add many new members. After the installation the members were pleasantly entertained. Officers were installed as follows:

President—Michael Lyons.
Vice President—D. McDonald.
Recording Secretary—Miss Annie Sullivan.
Financial Secretary—Thomas Connaughton.
Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Mitchell.
Sergeant-at-arms—Bob Mitchell.

Branch 23 of the Catholic Knights of America installed the following officers at its last meeting:

President—Patrick Flaherty.
Vice President—John T. Lyons.
Recording Secretary—P. Holley.
Financial Secretary—Thomas Henley.
Trustees—George Burkholder, William Corrigan and Thomas Kennedy.
Sergeant-at-arms—Thomas Tierney.
Sentinel—Michael McCoy.

After the installation there were several interesting talks for the good of the order by leading members, and the large attendance pronounced the meeting the most satisfactory held for a long time. The new officers all pledged themselves to an earnest effort to increase the membership, which has been enjoying a steady growth.

WILLIAM J. MURPHY,

Inventor of the Electric Block Signal System and Author.

William J. Murphy, who was recently made General Manager of the Queen & Crescent railway system, and the inventor of the electric block signal system, seems destined to become one of the leading railroad men of the country. Besides being an inventor he is becoming famous as an author, two of his productions, one of them, "Three Yanks Abroad," having been published in nearly all the leading journals.

Recently he has written a book on "Instructions to Railroad Men," and his suggestions are being adopted by all roads, and will shortly come into general use.

Manager Murphy's life is only another illustration of what Irish pluck and perseverance can accomplish when properly applied. For many years he has resided in Lexington, but his new duties will necessitate his removal to Cincinnati, much to the regret of the Lexingtonians.

"pay the piper" over the first battle in which the force was engaged. The scheme for the introduction of tramways evoked considerable heat and excitement in the city, and in the interest of peace and good order it was necessary to prevent unlimited admission to the Council chamber. For the purpose a number of the night watch were placed on duty at the main entrance. William O'Brien, of Shanagolden, sought admission and states he received from the guardians of the door some nasty cuts on the head. It is not denied that he was so injured—there was too much physical proof of the fact—but it is alleged that at the time a mob stormed the door, and in the melee between the watch and the besieging party O'Brien unfortunately got injured. The Council's law agent has advised that in that circumstance no action can be brought against the council. Mr. Moran, solicitor and member of the council, has on behalf of O'Brien served a writ for damages on the council. The case will involve some rather interesting points of law as to the legal status of the watch.

FATHER SHEEHY.

Views of Ireland and Boerland and Lecture at Library Hall.

The sale of tickets for the illustrated lecture on Ireland and Boerland by Rev. Father Eugene Sheehy, of Limerick, Ireland, at Library Hall on Tuesday evening, January 30, has assumed large proportions. Letters calling for tickets are being received daily from the surrounding towns, and the indications are that his audience will be a brilliant one.

Father Sheehy will present between 300 and 400 views, embracing an epitome and history of Ireland born of a special knowledge of locality and traditions, and will dissipate many false conceptions. The Ireland of today is not the Ireland of thirty years ago. She is now progressing rapidly, onward and upward, in every corner and county.

His views of Ladysmith, Kimberley, Pretoria, Mafeking and the Transvaal will furnish a vivid, realistic and interesting history of the Godfearing Boers and their country, surpassing anything of the kind ever seen in Louisville. Father Sheehy's sympathies are with the Boers, and a rare treat is in store for the friends of Oom Paul Kruger.

In addition to the foregoing several vocal and instrumental selections will be rendered by prominent members of the musical world. The full programme will be found in our columns next week. Reserved seats have been placed on sale at the store of John Mulloy in the Library Hall building, Fourth avenue.

ELIZABETH KELLEHER.

Mother of Rev. Patrick M. Kelleher Dies in Ireland.

The fatal news came to Rev. Father Patrick M. Kelleher, the beloved assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church, that his mother had departed this life on Wednesday morning, January 10, in Ireland. Our readers can well imagine his grief over his great affliction, and the hearts of the entire congregation go out to him in sympathy in losing one whom he loved so dearly.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kelleher was an exemplary lady, her life like unto a flower—sweet and beautiful yet humble and unostentatious. Her church was the only hope she would place any confidence in and was the foundation of her life. She was a devoted wife and loving mother, and is now enjoying the reward of her Heavenly Father, which she so richly deserved.

A solemn requiem mass was sung Monday morning at St. Patrick's for the repose of her soul by Rev. Father Kelleher, assisted by Monsignor Gambon and Father Minch. The church was crowded and a glance showed the sorrow that was felt for the celebrant. It was a sight most beautiful, and the services were very impressive. Father Kelleher has our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his mother, who is now enjoying a glorious reception with the angels in her new but brighter home.

AQUINAS UNION

Has Resumed Its Enjoyable Literary Entertainments.

The Aquinas Union reopened its literary entertainments last Monday evening with a very enjoyable programme arranged specially for the occasion. The many friends of this popular Limerick organization will hail the announcement that their literary sessions will be held every month hereafter, and the officers of the union will make an extra effort to procure the best talent obtainable. The following programme was rendered last Monday evening:

Introductory—President John J. Crotty.
Piano Duet—Misses Rose and Fannie Tompkins.
Address—Rev. B. F. Logan.
Vocal Solo, with violin obligato and piano accompaniment—Misses Myrtle Piper and Inez Bradshaw, and Ralph Fogel.
"A Talk"—John Crotty.
Vocal Solo—Miss Rose Tompkins.
Address—Hon. Matt O'Doherty.
An election of Directors will take place Monday evening. The next literary meeting will be held February 26.

C. K. OF A.

St. Cecilia's Branch Initiates First Lady Member in the Order.

Last Meeting Will Live Long in the Memory of Those Present.

Pleasing and Witty Address Delivered by Miss Mary Fackler.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR INSTALLED

The last meeting of Branch 14 of the Catholic Knights of America, held in St. Cecilia's Hall, was a rousing and enthusiastic one, which will live long in the memory of those present. Supreme Trustee C. W. Smith, State Secretary Veeman and a number of visiting Knights were present. After the routine work of the branch was completed came the installation of the newly elected officers, under the guidance of Supreme Trustee Smith, who acquitted himself with that grace and dignity for which he is proverbial. He read the ritual to the newly elected officers, after which they assumed their respective stations and Secretary Hissel announced that the initiation of Miss Mary Louise Fackler, the first lady to be admitted to the Catholic Knights of America in Kentucky, was in order.

That charming and accomplished young lady at once advanced to the presiding officer, when her certificate of membership was read and signed. Supreme Trustee Smith then conferred the degree of knighthood in his happy style, followed by a neat little speech, in which he stated that St. Cecilia's branch was the one he first visited upon being elected to the office of First Supreme President, wishing to read his letter of acceptance to Rev. Father Rock, then pastor of the church. This branch was one of the oldest in the order, and it is but meet that in the natural order of things this initiation should prove as great a success as that which their noble order had attained. Trustee Smith declared the conferring of the degree on the first lady member in this State to be an agreeable act he had been yet called upon to perform. As many were aware, he had been opposed to the admission of females at the beginning of the movement, but was now the champion of their cause, and hoped to see many wives, daughters and sweethearts enroll themselves under the banner of the Catholic Knights of America. He concluded his remarks by congratulating Miss Fackler.

Miss Fackler responded in a few well-chosen words, which were well received and made a most favorable impression. Among other things, she said:

"Brother Knights: In response to the very cordial welcome you have given me in becoming a member of this order, I must say that, aside from the lucrative value of the question, it is certainly a pleasure to me to become a member of this esteemed order of Catholic Knights. Knights, yes, such you are, and in as praiseworthy a way as were the Knights of old. The Knights of Romance, who fought so gallantly for their lady loves, the Knights of the Crusades and countless others battled and struggled manfully for ends which, regarded in the light that Catholicity views your noble cause, were little more than paltry. Edmund Burke says the age of chivalry is past, but as among other courtesies you hold out to us women the prerogative of knighthood itself, I feel convinced to the contrary.

"The necessities of the age have made many of us breadwinners, and you in recognition of our ability in this position hold out to us, when that ability fails, the benefits of a membership in your noble order. Yet, after all, it seems to me the order would have never reached its perfection without this crowning accomplishment, the admission of women, for from sundry outbreaks, or intrusions perhaps, I glean that there must have been murmurings in the Evesless Eden, and I rejoice to think that the true significance of our Savior's words has at length dawned upon you—that 'it is not good for a man to be alone.' Upon the conclusion of her remarks she was warmly applauded.

State Secretary Veeman also entertained the branch with pertinent remarks for the good of the order, which were appreciated. Before adjourning a delegate to the State Council, which meets here in September, was chosen. Five candidates were placed in nomination, but all withdrew, and the election of Louis Hamel was made by acclamation. The proceedings were then brought to a close, the members all congratulating Miss Fackler and the new officers, wishing Branch 14 long life and prosperity.

CHARLIE MCCARTHY'S LUCK.

Friends of Charlie McCarthy, the popular ja'l turnkey, are congratulating him because of the arrival of a bouncing little baby boy at his home, 720 Oldham street, last Wednesday afternoon. There is quite a lively competition for the privilege of being the child's Godfather, with Mike McAdiffe, Jim Ross and Jimmy Hefferan closely junched for the honor. Savages wear nose rings. Civilized women wear earrings.