

TOUCHING TRIBUTE TO MATT DENNISON

Convention Delegates Present Retiring State Secretary With a Handsome Gold Watch.

One of the touching episodes of the State Convention was the retirement of Matt Dennison, of Ishpeming, from the office of State Secretary, which position he has filled for 22 years, having been elected at the State Convention in Detroit in 1884. Matt is to remove with his family to Butte, Mont., where he believes wider opportunities await him in the mining business. The fact that he

words, presented to Bro. Dennison on behalf of the delegates a magnificent gold watch and chain. The retiring secretary, taken completely by surprise and visibly overcome, was barely able to mumble his thanks, as vociferous applause, accompanied by shouts of "Dennison," "Dennison," fell upon his ear.

The watch is beautifully ornamented with the monogram "M. D." on the outside case, while the inside front cover bears the following inscription: "Presented to Matt Dennison by the delegates to the A. O. H. Convention, Bay City, Aug. 2, 1906, in appreciation of 24 years' faithful service."

The 24 years is an error and should read 22. The gift was a voluntary contribution from the delegates, cost \$75, was purchased of Rose Bros., and was the finest that Bay City afforded.

Bro. Dennison intends to remove to Butte some time during the present month. In a letter to the Michigan Hibernian something over a month ago he wrote: "It is a source of regret to me that I am to sever official connections with the Order, and I assure you the remembrance of the friendships I have formed the past 22 years will be lasting; in fact I cannot find words in which to express my feelings in parting with those I have been so long associated with. The coming convention will be a trying one for me, when I look upon the faces I have been so long familiar with, with the thought that I shall never see them again. It will be hard."

"I had better quit as I am getting sentimental, so, with kind regards to you and yours, and that your future may be strewn with roses, prosperity and happiness, is the last and best wishes of your old friend

"When this poor heart shall cease to beat
And motionless shall be at rest,
And these two living hands shall meet
In cold embrace upon my breast,
There may be some timely friend
To shed a willing tear for me,
And prayer to Heaven will then ascend,
But will I long remembered be?"

"Tis not in vain or foolish sense,
That some remembrance I might claim;
Let eulogy bring recompense
To him who courts the breath of fame;
But when I think how many friends
Have been through life a joy to me,
'Tis hard to feel that when life ends
I shall not long remembered be."

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MATT DENNISON.
Retiring State Secretary.

was to retire was announced some time previous to the convention, but it was in the convention, at the conclusion of his report, that the occasion officially, and the scene was dramatic in the extreme.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin" is as true as gospel, and when this big-hearted, generous man choked with emotion as he made the announcement the hearts of his auditors throbbed in sympathy, while many a delegate shamefacedly wiped away a tear.

The stillness was broken by a burst of applause that spoke words beyond the power of man to express, and it was some moments before the convention recovered its equilibrium.

The sequel to this scene occurred after the election of officers, just before the convention adjourned, when M. F. Powers, the newly-elected State President, stepped to the stage and in feeling

assurance for submission to the next national convention.

The report of the committee on Irish history recommended that the support of the Hibernians be withdrawn from those publications that caricature and vilify the Irish race.

Sentiment "Fraternity"
Response—M. F. Powers.
Song Selected
Mrs. Catherine McLaughlin.
Sentiment "The United States"
Response—Mr. J. C. Weadock.
Song—"Reave Me if All Those En-
dearing Young Charms",.....
Miss Margaret Morrison.
Sentiment
"The Mission of the A. O. H."
Response—Mr. John Donovan.
Song Selected
Mr. M. P. Barden.
Sentiment "The Ladies"
Response—Mr. Frank P. McQuillan.
Song "The Star Spangled Banner"
Mrs. A. J. Shanley.

To conclude with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the audience.

Powers Called On.

Dr. O'Reilly, of Saginaw, was down to respond to the toast "Fraternity," but was called home, and the incoming State President was assigned to his place, delivering a clever impromptu speech.

Fr. Rafter, of Bay City, who occupied a place at the speakers' table, was also called upon and delivered a short but witty address.

M. P. Barden, of Detroit, had taken the evening train for home, and in his place Harry Daily, of Bay City, delivered his famous recitation, "The Curé of Calumet," in such inimitable French dialect that he was obliged to respond to two encores.

Thos. Walsh, president of Division No. 1 of Bay county, presided as toastmaster, and his keen-edged shafts of wit were one of the hits of the evening.

Bay City's convention committee was made up of the following gentlemen and ladies: Thos. Walsh, president of Division No. 1, Bay county; John Donovan, chairman; Jos. P. Haffey, W. H. Phillips, Patrick Ryan, Harry J. Daily, John W. Hurley, John Corrigan, Mrs. J. P. Haffey, Mrs. J. D. Pearsall, Mrs. Simon Corrigan, Miss Nellie Noonan, Mrs. A. Antaya, Miss Anna Riordan, Mrs. John Corrigan, Miss Kate Piggott, Mrs. John Kavanagh, Mrs. M. Carroll, Mrs. J. V. Hurley.

NATIONAL OFFICERS.

Matthew Cummings Elected President at Saratoga Springs.

Matthew Cummings, of Boston, was elected national president of the A. O. H. at Saratoga Springs, over Jas. E. Dolan, of Saratoga, by five votes. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, John E. Reagan, St. Paul; secretary, James T. Carroll, Columbus, O.; treasurer, John F. Quinn, Joliet, Ill.; directors, D. F. Moran, Washington, D. C.; Edward T. McCrystal, New York; Dr. W. L. O'Brien, Pa.; Rev. M.

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MENU.
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Augustus McLogan, of 236 Bagg street, has been initiated by Division No. 1 of Wayne county.

Lawrence McErlain, of Division 2 of Wayne, has gone on a trip to ... His address for the next three months will be: Taylorstown, Toombsbridge, Co.