

instance involve a removal from office, the party charged shall immediately vacate the same, unless the Grand President certifies in writing that no vacation shall take place while proceedings in appeal are pending.

24. No party to an appeal, whose decision is appealed from, shall sit upon the hearing of such appeal.

25. The beneficiaries of a member who shall die while under suspension as herein provided, or who refuses to pay any penalty herein fixed within the time limited for payment of the same, shall not have any claim against the Association, and the beneficiary certificate issued to such member shall be null and void.

26. Should the appellant die pending appeal and the appeal be allowed, his beneficiaries shall be relegated to their original rights.

27. Any member who has complied with the sentence imposed shall be entitled to re-instatement upon written application at the first regular meeting of his branch thereafter, and upon payment of all dues and assessments levied up to the time of re-instatement.

28. No member shall be entitled to bring any action or other legal proceedings against the Grand Council, or the trustees of any branch, until he has exhausted all the remedies provided in the Constitution and this Code, by way of appeal or otherwise.

29. All fines inflicted under the provisions of this Code shall be recoverable by the Grand Secretary and shall be paid by him into the general fund of the Grand Council.

30. The expenses of the referee and stenographer referred to herein shall be paid by the Grand Council.

GRAND ORGANIZER KILLACKEY AT BELLEVILLE.

On the evening of January 30 Grand Organizer Killackey addressed an open meeting in the hall of Branch 76, C. M. B. A., Belleville. In eloquent language he showed his large and enthusiastic audience that the C. M. B. A. was more than a mere insurance association—that it was an organization for the teaching of the great virtues of "piety, integrity and frugality"; an organization for the levelling, by raising up, of Catholic manhood, also a powerful assistant of the Church. Coming to the business part of the association, he drew particular attention to the low cost of management, something less than 5 per cent. The small number of lapses, the reserve fund, and its uniform success from its inception. Before closing, Brother Killackey asked for a special meeting on the evening of Feb. 3rd.

A cordial vote of thanks was moved by Chancellors Hardy and Hanley to Brother Killackey for his very eloquent and instructive address.

At the special meeting Brother Killackey asked for the information necessary for the filling out of the reports, and gave the branch valuable instructions for the proper conducting of its business.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Farrelly visited the meeting just as our Organizer was addressing the members on their spiritual obligations, which he said consisted in something more than merely attending their Easter duty.

The President, E. J. Butler, then asked the revered and beloved pastor of St. Michael's to give the branch a few words of counsel and advice before leaving, which he did in that kindly and fatherly way so characteristic of him.

He said that the address of Brother Killackey covered everything that he would have said and more. It breathed the true spirit of Catholicity, and although he had always had a high regard for the C. M. B. A., on account of the great good the Association had done in Belleville, his ideas of the Association had been broadened by listening to Mr. Killackey. He believed the principles of the C. M. B. A. were right, and that the Organizer was the right man in the right place. He referred to the good work done by the C. M. B. A. in Belleville, both by bringing indifferent Catholics to a better knowledge of their duty and by assisting widows and orphans, who, but for the society, would have been in very hard circumstances.

At both Masses on Sunday Mgr. Farrelly eulogized the C. M. B. A. and the Organizer, and advised all persons to attend the meeting in the afternoon, to take advantage of the present opportunity of joining the Association.

Well you may ask: What was the result of all this? It is easily told. On the evening of February 7, there were 21 initiated. February 21, 11 initiated, or a total of 35 initiated, with about a dozen applications yet to be considered.

Brother Killackey certainly won the hearts of the C. M. B. A. in Belleville. His methods were very successful here. His strongest quality seemed to be his power of inspiring the members with a desire to work for the Association.

GRAND ORGANIZER W. P. KILLACKEY

Visits St. Gregory's Branch, No. 90, Picton, Ont.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 31st, will be long remembered by the members of St. Gregory's branch and their friends in this town and county. On this occasion Bro. W. P. Killackey paid a friendly visit to St. Gregory's branch, and delivered, probably, one of the finest addresses ever heard in this town. Major Fitz Horrigan kindly agreed to act as chairman, and, on introducing the speaker, whom he met for the first time, paid a well merited tribute, which was more than verified before Bro Killackey had been speaking five minutes. The attendance was not quite as large as was expected, owing to the bad state of the roads and weather. Those who were fortunate enough to attend will long remember the happy occasion. Bro. Killackey addressed the meeting for over an hour, and clearly demonstrated that as an organizer he has no equal in the Dominion. Bro. Killackey held the attention of the audience in a truly wonderful manner, every eye being keenly riveted on him during the address. The speaker's remarks were very clearly expressed, and were so convincing that the membership of our branch has been increased by about seventeen or eighteen members. The grand officers are to be complimented for selecting a gentleman of such rare ability to work for the interests of our Association throughout the Dominion, and we would urge every branch having the interests of our great Association at heart to prevail upon Bro. Killackey for a visit. We feel sure that the twenty thousand mark would soon be reached. We will be delighted to have another visit from our esteemed brother in the near future. The meeting was brought to a close after a couple of beautiful solos by Miss Minnie McCarron, a charming young daughter of our Past President. A

hearty vote of thanks was passed, the mover being Bro. Mulligan, and seconded by Bro. Goodwin.

C. M. B. A. CONCERT IN LINDSAY.

An interesting time was spent on Thursday evening, Feb. 2nd, at the C. M. B. A. rooms, the occasion being an official visit from Mr. W. P. Killackey, of Windsor, Provincial Organizer for the C. M. B. A. The attendance was fairly good, and would have been larger had the weather been favorable. Previous to the lecture by Mr. Killackey a short entertainment was given, which consisted of an instrumental and song by Mr. C. Podger; a solo by Mr. Jas. Gillogly; a reading by Mr. Wm. Steers. Mr. Killackey then gave an interesting sketch of the C. M. B. A.—its aims, objects and advantages—and very clearly pictured the rapid progress it is making in Canada. The society is now in its twenty-third year, and its membership is rapidly increasing. An important benefit derived from this society is conferred by its system of insurance, which is considered one of the best plans of fraternal insurance of the present day; the fees are small and not at all burdensome to members. Since incorporation this society has paid out over a million and a-half dollars in insurance to widows and orphans of deceased members. After some remarks relative to the good work being done by this association, the speaker urged upon all who are not members the advisability of joining at an early date. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Mr. W. F. O'Boyle, seconded by Mr. A. P. Devlin, and unanimously carried. Rev. Father Phalen made a few well chosen remarks, in the course of which he paid high tribute to Mr. Killackey and the society. Organizer Killackey then made a happy but brief reply, thanking the members and congratulating them on the good standing of Lindsay branch, and also made mention of their splendid association rooms. After the lecture about a dozen gentlemen presented themselves for membership. Thus a pleasant evening was brought to a close. Mr. Killackey left town the following morning for Belleville.

C. M. B. A. ENTERTAINMENT.

Address Delivered By W. P. Killackey, Provincial Organizer.

The Hamilton branches of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association held an entertainment in Association hall on March 7th, the hall being crowded. C. J. Bird, master of ceremonies and chairman of the Advisory Board, delivered a short address of welcome to those present, his remarks being very appropriate.

Bro. John Ronan, Grand Deputy, occupied the chair and delivered a brief address, pointing out to those present the substantial benefit the Society had been in the city.

The numbers were well rendered. Miss M. Lovering made her first appearance in public, singing "Because I love You Dear" in a very pretty manner. Miss M. J. Hunt received well-merited applause for her recitations, "Our Folks" and "Six Love Letters". Miss Hunt has a manner of expression and delivery which makes her recitals delightful and popular. The songs, "Darling I love You in the same Old Way," "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky," and "On the Banks

of the Wabash," by Mr. F. A. Filgiano, were well sung, the latter song being given in response to an encore.

During the evening Mr. W. P. Killackey, of Windsor, gave an address. He spoke at some length on the order, its good work, the aims of its members, and the various good principles involved. At the close of his address Mr. Killackey was given a vote of thanks on motion of M. J. O'Reilly and James Blake.

The programme in detail was as follows: Solo, Mr. M. O'Brien; solo, Miss M. Lovering; recitation, Miss M. J. Hunt; solo, Mr. J. Lawlor; solo, Mr. F. A. Filgiano; solo, Mrs. Irwin; recitation, Miss M. J. Hunt; solo, Mr. W. Tomes. The accompanist was Mr. J. F. Morrissey, and the committee in charge Messrs T. Lawlor, J. P. Dougherty and J. Blake.

Rev. Fathers O'Reilly and Hinchey, and Chancellor Craven and others occupied seats on the platform.

The affair was highly successful and most enjoyable.

Hamilton will long remember the first official visit of the Provincial Organizer. The words spoken by Mr. Killackey made a deep impression on the audience, and the Branches will be well rewarded for the work they have undertaken by seeing a rapid increase of membership in their ranks in this city.

C. M. B. A. BROTHERS SUCCESSFUL.

The Provincial elections in New Brunswick took place on the 18th of February. The coalition government, as led by the Hon. H. R. Emmerson, was victorious, having elected 41 out of a total of 46. There were ten Catholics elected, among whom a few C. M. B. A. brothers. P. H. Leger, Recording Secretary of Branch 280, Grand Digue, Kent Co., has the honor of having the largest majority in the Province, outside of York Co., having 1,135 votes over his highest opponent. C. M. Melanson, Chancellor of the Shediac Branch, is also elected in Westmorland. Hon. A. D. Richard, of the Dorchester Branch, in the same county, was only beaten by 100 votes out of nearly 8,000 polled. P. J. Zenlot, of Bathurst, Gloucester Co., was elected by acclamation.

CHATHAM, N. B.

The C. M. B. A. ball came off Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, and was a great success in every way. At dark the snow began to fall, but early in the evening the dressing rooms at Masonic hall began to fill with ladies and gentlemen who were not to be cheated out of a night's pleasure by a little snow; by 9 o'clock there was hardly room to move in the rooms, and when the time for the grand march arrived the hall was filled with a gay and expectant throng. Probably those who stood on the stage never witnessed so brilliant a scene before as that presented by the moving mass of tastefully dressed people before them. The interior of the hall was almost unrecognizable; the walls had been completely covered with red and white bunting; the windows were covered with richly toned drapery; steel engravings of uniform size hung between each window; over the entrance the word welcome had been cleverly formed of green twigs on a white ground, and over the stage front the letters C. M. B. A. were placed with a banner draped between. The stage was furnished as an elegant drawing room for the use of