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NOTES.

Increase your membership.

Success is contagious

Each is a lever that moves the other

Have you done your share? If not,
why not?Every member should do what he
possibly can to help increase the mem-
bership in his branch.Don't let us have a "tropical fertili-
ty of promises with a saharic aridity of
performance."Some branches are offering prizes—
gold watches, rings, C. M. B. A. pins,
etc.,—to the brothers who bring in a
certain number of new members. This
is the right spirit.The officers of the Grand Council are
doing everything in their power for
the interests of the Association; no
body of men could do more with the
means at their command; but they
expect, and should receive, assistance
from each member in every branch in
the matter of increasing our member-
ship. The C. M. B. A. is a cooper-
ative organization, giving its mem-
bers life assurance at a very low rate;
but it is expected that each member
give a "little work," in addition to
his assessment rate, to help perpetuate
the Association; and this work is
"Help to bring in new members."The C. M. B. A. is truly a grand
institution. It has been over twenty-
three years in existence now, and has
certainly demonstrated sufficiently the
soundness of its system. It is essen-
tially the association for Catholic men
requiring life insurance, as it has the
formal approbation of the Church. It
has already paid over \$1,000,000 to heirs
of deceased members in Canada, and it
has a Reserve Fund of \$500,000 con-
stantly increasing. For our Catholic
men the C. M. B. A. is undoubtedly
the safest, best and cheapest society to
join.

ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN.

Most Rev. C. O'Brien, Archbishop of
Halifax, was elected Spiritual Adviser of
the C. M. B. A. of Canada at the first
meeting of the Board of Trustees held
after the Quebec convention. The
Board and Trustees displayed good judg-
ment in their choice, for a warmer
friend of the Association could not have
been selected, and those who will re-
call the eloquent sermon which his
Grace preached to the delegates at the
St. John convention will appreciate
how appropriately the spiritual direc-
tion of our Association falls into his
hands.

ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN, GRAND SPIRITUAL ADVISER.

Archbishop O'Brien's career has
been one of brilliant achievement. He
was born of Irish parents near New
Glasgow, P. E. I., on May 4th, 1843,
and after a short course in the com-
mon schools he became clerk in a mer-
cantile house at Summerside, P. E. I.
He always felt, however, that he had a
higher call, and in response to it at
the age of nineteen he entered as a
student at St. Dunstan's College, Char-
lottetown. Two years afterwards he
went to the College of the Propaganda
in Rome, where he completed hisstudies and obtained a doctor's degree
in philosophy and divinity. He was
raised to the priesthood in 1871, and
for two years he was professor in St.
Dunstan's College, and afterwards he
became rector of St. Dunstan's cathed-
ral. His health failing him he took
up mission work in Indian River, P.
E. I., until 1882 when by bull, dated
Dec. 2 he was appointed Archbishop
of the important See of Halifax. His
consecration took place on January
21st, 1883. One has but to drive
through the old city of Halifax to see
evidence of his great executive ability
in the ecclesiastical, educational and
charitable institutions which wereMuse, and some of his metrical com-
positions have considerable merit. He
is, besides, a charming writer in prose.
Among his more important published
works are: Mater Admirabilis; After
Weary Years; St. Agnes, Virgin and
Martyr; Anima; and Memoirs of
Bishop Birke. In acknowledgment
of his literary accomplishments he was
made a Fellow of the Royal Society of
Canada and in 1890 he was its presi-
dent. His discourse at the funeral of
the late Sir John Thompson in Janu-
ary, 1895 was worthy of the preacher
and the occasion and is a model of
chaste and lofty oratory. His Grace
takes a keen interest in public affairs.
An unflinching advocate of Home
Rule for Ireland, he is, nevertheless, a
strong Imperialist, and was the prin-
cipal champion of that idea in Nova
Scotia in the days of the Imperial Fed-
eration League. At present he is
Vice President for Nova Scotia of the
British Empire League.Archbishop O'Brien was aptly de-
scribed by one of his clergy at a public
meeting as a great churchman and a
great Canadian.He is devoted to Canadian institu-
tions and expects great things of the
Canadian people. In private life he is
kind and affable and always ready to
assist any person or movement that de-
serves support. Members of our Asso-
ciation everywhere will be glad to
learn that His Grace is recovering
from his recent illness.C. M. B. A. MEETING IN MON-
TREAL.A meeting of the Montreal members
of the C. M. B. A. was held in St.
Patrick's Parish Hall, St. Alexander
street, on Sunday, the 7th May. Bro.
N. P. Lamoureux occupied the chair.
Seated around him, on the platform,
were: Reverend Fathers E. Strubbe,
C. S. R., J. Quinlivan, M. Auclair,
A. Lucasse, E. Auclair and M. Cal-
laghan; Mr. Justice Curran, Hon. M.
F. Hackett, Grand President of the C.
M. B. A.; Bros. W. P. Killackey
and J. E. H. Howison, Organizers;
Grand Deputies J. J. Costigan, T. P.
Tansey, C. Daudelin and A. H. Sped-
ding; Grand Chancellor T. J. Finn;
Chancellors P. Reynolds, A. D. Mc-
Gillis, M. Egan, M. Sharkey, and the
presidents of the various branches, as
follows: D. J. McGillis, Branch No. 26;
A. Jones, 41; J. Frenessu, 50; C.
O'Brien, 51; J. Coffey, 71; Joseph Bel-
ard, 87; J. A. Primeau, 190; Geo. A.
Carpenter, 232; Chas. Fortier, 240.Brother J. E. H. Howison delivered
a very interesting speech in the
French language, dwelling more
especially on the sentiment of gratitude
and love that every member should
entertain for the Association. The C.
M. B. A., said he, deserves the love of
all members for being a truly Catholic
organization, aiming to unite all
practical Catholics throughout the Do-
minion in the bonds of the noblest and
most durable fraternity, the Christian
Catholic's brotherhood, making no dis-
tinction as to the nationality or condi-
tion in life of its members. For its
beneficiary advantages the C. M. B. A.
was also deserving the love of all mem-
bers. Brother Howison treated also of
the duties of the members towards the
C. M. B. A., and urged on every one
taking his share of the responsibilities
involved in a mutual association such
as the C. M. B. A.Rev. Father M. Auclair, parish
priest of St. Jean Baptiste church,
Montreal, followed in an eloquent plea
in behalf of the C. M. B. A., which, oneither established or revived under his
auspices. St. Patrick's church, built at
a cost of \$75,000; St. Patrick's Home,
the Halifax Infirmary, the Infants'
Home, the Euclid Seminary, the Mon-
astery of the Good Shepherd, St.
Agnes' Church and St. Mary's Glebe
House, were almost all of them built
since 1883 and probably in no other
city of like proportion can there be
found so many tokens of substantial
progress among the Catholic population.Dr. O'Brien's work, however, is not
confined to the administrative duties of
his high office, for he has made a repu-
tation also as a literary man and a
publicist. He is a devotee of the