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THE SONG OF HIAWATHA.

Ye who love the haunts of nature,
Love the sunshine of the meadow,
Love the shadow of the forest,
Love the wind among the branches
And the rain shower and the snow storm,
And the rushing of great rivers
Through their palisades of pine-trees,
And the thunder in the mountains,
Whose innumerable echoes
Flap like eagles in their gyres;
Listen to these wild traditions,
To this song of Hiawatha.

Ye who love a nation's legends
Love the ballads of a people,
Hear like voices from afar off,
Call to us to usse and ussen,
Speak in tones so plain and childlike,
Searched out the ear distinguish
Whether they are sung or spoken,
Listen to this Indian legend,
To this song of Hiawatha.

Ye whose hearts are fresh and simple,
Who have faith in God and Nature,
Who believe, that in all uses
Every human heart is human,
That in even savage bosoms,
There are longings, yearnings, strivings,
For the good they comprehend not,
That the feeble hands and helpless,
Groping blindly in the darkness,
Touch God's right hand in that darkness,
And are lifted up and strengthened;—
Listen to this simple story,
To this song of Hiawatha.

Ye, who sometimes in your rambles
Through the green lanes of the country,
Where the tangled barberry bushes
Hang their tufts of crimson berries,
Pause by some neglected arveyard,
For a while to muse, and ponder
On a half-effaced inscription,
Written with little skill of song-craft,
Homely phrases, but each letter
Full of hope and yet of heart-break,
Full of all the tender pathos,
Of the here and hereafter;—
Stay and read this rude inscription,
Read this song of Hiawatha.

—Longfellow.

A Good Motto.

A good motto for your Branch would be
"Quit grumbling and do something to
increase the membership of the Association."

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A New Member's First Assessment.

A member initiated in any month in which
there is more than one assessment called for
is required to pay only one assessment for
that month.

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Who Shall Examine Applicants.

No examination of any applicant shall be
legal or accepted by the branch, unless made
by an Examiner duly appointed and com-
missioned for such branch, except by the
special dispensation of the Supervising
Medical Examiner.

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A Decision.

A decision in the suit of Mrs. Emily V.
Hopkins against the Northwestern Life
Assurance Co. of Chicago, to enforce payment
of a \$10,000 policy on the life of her husband,
who committed suicide, held that plaintiff
cannot recover collections, notwithstanding
no suicide clause was in the contract.

Progress in Membership.

Membership in 1881	221
1882	260
1883	1,750
1884	1,750
1885	1,750
1886	1,750
1887	1,750
1888	1,750
1889	1,750
1890	1,750
1891	1,750
1892	1,750
1893	1,750
1894	1,750
1895	1,750
1896	1,750
1897	1,750
1898	1,750
1899	1,750

Change of Address.

Whenever a brother changes his address
he should at once notify the Recording
Secretary of his Branch, who will in turn
notify the Grand Secretary. A great
majority of the complaints from members
who do not receive THE CANADIAN arises
through the failure of such members to give
their proper address to the Recording Sec-
retary.

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A Talkative Member.

Because a member has something to say
upon all topics brought up for discussion at
Branch meetings is no indication that he is a
faithful worker. Many members are unfor-
tunately addicted to the habit of indulging in
arrant nonsense and meaningless rant, and
their loquacity often renders their presence
decidedly offensive. The "wind bag"
spends his force in double quick time, and
then falls to the ground with a dull and sick-
ening thud.—C. Forester.

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Decreasing Amount of Policy.

Any member holding a high grade bene-
ficiary certificate or policy may change for
a lower one by surrendering his certificate
and making application on the Association's
regular printed forms for a lower grade cer-
tificate through his branch Recording Secre-
tary, who shall immediately forward said
beneficiary certificate and application to the
Grand Secretary, and thereafter he shall
pay assessments according to grade of cer-
tificate applied for, and according to his
age at the date of his initiation.

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What It Will Cost to Become a Mem- ber and Hold a \$1,000 Policy.

To become a member of the C. M. B. A. of Canada will require the payment of the following fees:	
Application fee	\$1.00
Medical Examination fee	1.00
One Assessment for \$1,000 policy	2.00
One month's dues	2.00
Total	\$6.00

The probable yearly cost on \$1,000 policy
for a member at age of 35.

Eighteen assessments at \$2.00 each	\$36.00
Twelve months' dues at \$2.00	24.00
Total	\$60.00

What Association Should Catholics Join

According to the instructions of our Holy
Father the Pope, Catholics are forbidden to
enter societies, no matter how deserving from
other points of view which has not the formal
approbation of the Church.
The C. M. B. A. has this formal approba-
tion. Therefore it is essentially the Catho-
lic Association.

Number of Assessments.

Our C. M. B. A. regular assessments are
as follows:
January, No. 1; February, No. 2; March,
Nos. 3 and 4; April, No. 5; May, No. 6;
June, No. 7; July, Nos. 8 and 9; August, No.
10; September, No. 11; October, Nos. 12 and
13; Nov. No. 14; December, No. 15.

In addition to these regular assessments,
our Constitution provides for special assess-
ments whenever required, and therefore the
Association can never fail to fulfil all its obli-
gations to each and every one of its members.

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Amount Received on Assessments

Table showing the amount received on
Assessments from the Branches of the C. M.
B. A. of Canada from date of organization of
Grand Council, in 1881, to January 1, 1899.

In 1881	\$ 3,250 00
1882	4,474 04
1883	9,318 17
1884	11,365 29
1885	21,123 24
1886	24,365 59
1887	32,385 17
1888	46,750 21 including less 15c
1889	55,167 79
1890	61,919 44
1891	100,108 29
1892	122,282 95
1893	142,096 63
1894	160,219 41
1895	175,112 76
1896	187,568 61
1897	198,650 34
1898	200,000 00
Total	\$1,694,977 77

Increasing Amount of Policy.

Any member who has not arrived at the
full age of fifty years holding a lower grade
beneficiary certificate and desiring to take
a higher grade certificate may make applica-
tion on the Association's regular printed
form to his branch for such. The granting
of the application shall be subject to the same
routine of medical examination and test as
is now provided by law for the admission of
new members. If the ball is favorable
the applicant upon payment of an assess-
ment on the additional beneficiary certificate
to his age at that time shall be entitled to
the higher grade beneficiary certificate, and
this amount of assessment in addition to the
amount of assessment he was paying for his
lower grade certificate shall be his assessment
thereafter for his higher grade policy or
beneficiary certificate.

Reasons for not Joining the C. M. B. A.

1. If you are sure you cannot die, there is
no use providing for a contingency when
there can be none.
2. If you expect to get insurance for
nothing, don't join the C. M. B. A.
3. If you know that you are poor, are old
and indigent, to keep your assessments paid,
Don't join the C. M. B. A.
4. If you need your money for tobacco
and whisky and get your support from your
family, Don't join the C. M. B. A.
5. If you prefer to see our oxen for your
self, to raise money to buy your family,
Don't join the C. M. B. A.
6. If you are too selfish to wish any com-
fort to others, because you cannot enjoy it
yourself, Don't join the C. M. B. A.
7. If you feel good over the idea that your
children may be dependent on the cold chari-
ties of the world after your death, Don't join
the C. M. B. A.
8. If you are happy over the idea of going
to heaven while you are contemplating the
probability of your family going to the poor-
house, Don't join the C. M. B. A.
9. If you have no respect for yourself, and
no regard for your family, Don't join the
C. M. B. A., but spend your money to get rid of
your life, for it is not worth living.

The Association Recommended by Our Holy Father.

The C. M. B. A. has from its inception
been sanctioned by our Holy Father Leo
XIII., who has blessed it with especial glad-
ness whenever occasion offered and urgently
recommended it to the faithful children of
the Church in Canada. It is under the
special patronage of the entire hierarchy,
the Venerable Archbishops and Bishops
precluded by age, etc. gladly blessing it
and encouraging its spread in their respec-
tive dioceses.

- The names of the following Archbishops
and Bishops, with those of nearly all the
parish priests and curates in Canada, where-
ever branches are established, adorn the
C. M. B. A. membership roll.
- Most Rev. John Archbishop of Hal-
ifax
 - Most Rev. H. G. G. Archbishop of
Montreal
 - Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of
Peterborough
 - Right Rev. J. D. Wang, Bishop of Ham-
ilton
 - Right Rev. M. Desjardis, Bishop of St.
Hyacinthe
 - Right Rev. J. M. Howard, Bishop of Valley
field
 - Right Rev. A. G. G. Bishop of Prince
Albert
 - Right Rev. E. J. Laga, Bishop of St.
Albert
 - Right Rev. F. A. G. Bishop of Trois
Rivers
 - Right Rev. F. P. McEvoy, Bishop of Lan-
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