

tion. He spoke at some length of the origin and history of the branch, and recalled the many changes that have taken place among its members in the past few years.

He concluded by reminding those present that they did not need to go outside of their own branch to see the benefit of having a policy in the C. M. B. A. After which the spiritual adviser Rev. Dean O'Connell, who has always been a warm advocate of C. M. B. A. principles, said that he felt that he could not let the occasion pass without expressing the great pleasure it gave him to congratulate the members of this branch for the well earned respect and honor they have shown their worthy President this evening, and with earnest words of encouragement to continue in the noble work of charity, brought the meeting to a happy close.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Branch No. 1, London Ont., on the death of Brother Edward Morikin's son.

Branch No. 1, London Ont., on the death of Brother Michael Phelan's son.

Branch No. 2, Windsor, Ont., on the death of Brother Judge McHugh's mother.

Branch No. 27, Port-Jean, Ont., on the death of Brother Joseph Gaudin a wife.

Branch No. 175, Kinkora, Ont., on the death of Brother Henry Foley's son.

Branch No. 216, Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the death of Brother Wm. Fitzgerald's child.

Branch No. 276, Tracadie, N. B. on the death of Brother Robert Bichaud's mother.

Branch No. 57, Orillia, Ont., on the death of Brother R. M. Dannelly's son.

Branch No. 108, Amherst, N. S. on the death of Brother George W. Cooke's mother.

Branch No. 63, St. Mary's Ont. on the death of Brother John Barry's father and Brother T. Markey's wife.

Branch No. 37, Hamilton, Ont. on the death of Brother President Thomas Murphy's mother.

Branch No. 177, New castle N. B. on the death of Brother Chancellor John Morrissy's brother.

Branch No. 49, Toronto, Ont. on the death of Brother Past Chancellor B. J. Cronin's father.

Branch No. 133, St. John, N. B., on the death of Brothers James, Charles and Henry Russell's brother.

Branch No. 65, Ayton, Ont., on the death of Brother Michael Murry's sister.

Branch No. 81, Smith's Falls, Ont., on the death of Brother John Payne's mother.

Branch No. 166, Stanstead, Que., on the death of Brother Peter C. McAuley's sister.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 30, Peterborough, Ontario, held on February 22nd, 1898, the following resolutions of condolence were moved and unanimously carried:

That we the members of Branch No. 30, desire to record with feelings of deep regret our heartfelt sorrow at the death of our much esteemed brother, Joseph Stortz.

Resolved that we the members of this branch, tender to the widow and family of our late brother Joseph Stortz our sincere sympathy, and condole with them in their loss, and pray that God in His mercy will protect and comfort them.

Resolved that our charter be draped for one month and that these resolutions be recorded and a copy sent to Mrs. Stortz and also published in the official organ, THE CANADIAN.

At the regular meeting of Branch 132, Halifax, N. S., held on Tuesday evening the 15 Feb, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us, one of our worthy and esteemed brothers, James J. O'Connor, and whereas, the intimate relations held with him makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him, therefore:

Resolved that the wisdom he has exercised in the association by council etc. will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved that the removal of such a life from among our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be recognized by all the members of Branch 132:

Resolved that we the members of said branch extend to the family of our deceased

brother our sincere sympathy in their loss of a good and loving son and brother:

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes, a copy printed in the C. M. B. A. official organ and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 31, Guelph Ont. the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Bro. Dr. Numan seconded by Bro. Jas E. Day.

Whereas it has pleased Divine Providence to call from our midst our late Brother Denis Costigan.

Resolved that Branch 31, C. M. B. A. Guelph, express their sincere sorrow at his demise and their deep sympathy and condolence with his widow and relatives in their bereavement and pray that God may give them consolation in their great sorrow by the reflection that He has called our late dear Brother to the reward of a well-spent life.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Dania Costigan and one to THE CANADIAN for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 31, Guelph, Ont., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Bro. Dr. Numan, sec. by Bro. James E. Day.

Whereas it has pleased Divine Providence to call from our midst our late Brother Benedict Kloepfer.

Resolved that Branch 31, C. M. B. A., Guelph, express their severe sorrow at his demise and their deep sympathy and condolence with his widow and relatives in their sad bereavement and pray that God may give them consolation in their great sorrow by the reflection that He has called our late dear brother to the reward of a well spent life.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. B. Kloepfer and one to THE CANADIAN for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch 132, Halifax, N. S., held on Tuesday eve, 15th March, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His wisdom to remove from our midst (by death) our worthy and esteemed Brother, Michael J. Griffin, be it therefore

Resolved, that while bowing to the will of the Almighty God, the members of this branch desire to express their sincere sorrow for the loss of so esteemed and worthy a member of this branch, be it therefore

Resolved that we convey to the family of our late lamented Brother, our unfeigned sympathies in their sad bereavement, and we pray that God in His mercy will comfort and sustain them in their sad bereavement for the loss of a kind and loving husband and father.

At a largely attended regular meeting of Branch No. 1, Windsor, Ont, held on the 24th of March 1898.

On motion of Brother, Judge Mellugh seconded by Brother Past President Francis Cleary and unanimously carried:

Whereas Divine Providence has been pleased to remove from our midst Brother Joseph Degussa District Deputy and a Past President of this Branch, we hereby offer our sincere sympathy to his sorrowing wife, parents and relatives at the great loss which they have sustained.

Resolved that this branch desires to bear testimony to the esteem in which our late brother was held by his fellow members on account of his many amiable qualities and his zeal for the advancement and good of this branch.

Resolved that the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of this association, and will prove a serious loss to the community and the public.

Resolved that with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things for the best.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Records of this Branch, a copy forwarded to his wife and parents, and published in our official organ.

At a regular meeting of Branch 15, Toronto Ont. held in their hall Monday March 14

The following resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolved that whilst meekly bowing to the will of Almighty God in calling our worthy Brother John T. Russell from our association to receive his eternal reward in heaven

We hereby extend to his widow and family our sincere sympathy and condolence in their bereavement and that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved that the above resolution be inserted in the minutes of this meeting and a copy be forwarded to the family and published in the Catholic Register and THE CANADIAN.

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Les membres sont invités à nous envoyer des nouvelles ou informations dont l'Association pourra bénéficier. Toutes communications sur des sujets d'intérêt pour les membres de l'A. C. B. M., seront reçues avec plaisir, mais toutes lettres anonymes et toutes autres lettres que le gerant jugera ne pas être dans l'intérêt de l'Association ne seront pas publiées.

Les correspondants voudront bien se rappeler que la copie doit nous parvenir plus tard que le 15 de chaque mois, pour être publiée dans le numéro du mois suivant. L'espace étant limité, on voudra bien être concis.

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SOUS L'ACTE DES ASSURANCES

Chapitre 124 des Statuts Révisés du Canada, tel qu'amendés)

Ottawa, 31 Mars, 1898.

LE CERTIFICAT D'ENREGISTREMENT NO 8 délivré au Grand Conseil de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada, l'autorisant à faire des opérations d'Assurance sur la vie sur le plan des Cotisations dans La Puissance du Canada, est par le présent renouvelé jusqu'au Trente-et-Unième jour de Mars, 1899.

(Sig.) J. M. COURTNEY,
Député Ministre des Finances.

(Sig.) W. FITZGERALD,
Surintendant des Assurances.

LA RECLAME DE L'A. C. B. M

Il n'y a pas de Société Fraternelle Catholique, faisant affaires dans Le Dominion aujourd'hui, qui occupe une plus chaude place dans le cœur des gens que notre noble association. Il n'y en a pas dans laquelle la grande masse des gens ont une confiance aussi illimitée, pour laquelle ils entretiennent une plus grande estime. Il n'y en a pas à laquelle la Hiérarchie Catholique et le Clergé du Canada accordent de telles marques d'une faveur spéciale: il n'y en a pas que les guides de l'idée Catholique soutiennent avec autant de zèle et aux rangs, à l'aide et à l'encouragement de laquelle l'homme d'affaires Catholique se rallie aussi généreusement. Voilà les signes, les bornes qui disent notre succès, qui annoncent l'œuvre glorieuse que nous accomplissons et la haute distinction à laquelle nous sommes parvenus.

Il n'y a pas un seul des éléments ains spécifiés dont le support n'a une signification spéciale. L'homme d'affaires joint nos rangs parcequ'il sait très bien notre position financière solide, parcequ'il sait que la base de notre prospérité est bien et soigneusement assise, et parcequ'il s'est assuré lui-même par une étude soignée que l'administration de l'A. C. B. M. est sous tous les rapports sans reproche. Soigneuse et économique elle est de

toute manière, pas d'accroissement anormal ici, pas d'effort pour faire de l'effet, pas d'absurdité mystique, pas de cérémonies ridicules; et c'est dans cette évolution soignée et attentive que se trouve sa stabilité. L'homme d'affaires observe cela, d'où sa confiance, son support indivis.

Les Catholiques comme corps aiment l'A. C. B. M. pour l'œuvre qu'elle accomplie, pour l'œuvre divine de Charité et de fraternité qu'elle accomplit chaque jour. Ces œuvres sont visibles en tous lieux et parlent pour elles-mêmes. Pourquoi les rappeler ici? Pourquoi s'arrêter sur la route quand celui qui passe peut lire? Les Catholiques du Canada ont lu l'histoire de l'A. C. B. M. Oui ils l'ont bien lue et ils l'ont bien apprise, et aussi ils l'aiment, car c'est seulement ce qui est vraiment bon qui est vraiment aimé. Qu'on dise cette bonne histoire à chaque maison et à chaque foyer. Car plus les vertus de l'A. C. B. M. seront connues plus elle sera appréciée.

Que chaque membre se fasse missionnaire sous ce rapport. Qu'il répande l'évangile de nos bonnes actions, de nos nobles exploits. Qu'il le dise à son voisin, à ses amis, jusqu'à ce qu'il n'y ait pas une maison Catholique en Canada qui n'ait fourni un membre.

Nous avons à peine besoin de dire ici qu'il n'y a aucun élément parmi nos membres, qui nous procure une plus grande joie que notre nombreux rôle de Prélats distingués et de membres du Clergé. Ceux-ci, nous le savons, ont cherché l'admission dans nos rangs non pas tant pour leur avantage personnel que pour l'exemple qu'ils désirent donner au monde afin que d'autres le suivent. Ils nous ont bien pesés et ne nous ont pas trouvés manquants. Ils ont surveillé notre carrière, elle leur a plu, et pour marquer leur approbation ils ont joint notre association. Aucune de leurs paroles ne pouvaient décerner une plus grande louange que cet acte de leur part, aussi c'est là le chapitre dont nous sommes le plus fiers dans notre histoire.

Sous toutes ces circonstances avec quelle confiance l'A. C. B. M. peut faire appel pour son maintien. Fermeté, honneur, droiture, charité, justice, voilà nos mot-d'ordre et par ces signes nous devons conquérir.

MGR. McDONALD DE LI. DU P. E., SUR LES SOCIÉTÉS

La lettre Pastorale de Sa Grandeur Mgr. McDonald de l'Île du Prince Edouard, à l'occasion du carême, contient cette condamnation des sociétés non-Catholiques et cette approbation de l'A. C. B. M.:

"Il y a une autre question, bien aimés frères, sur laquelle nous croyons de notre devoir sacré d'attirer votre attention, et c'est la conduite irrépréhensible de ceux qui, désirant être considérés comme de respectueux Catholiques, néanmoins n'ont aucune hésitation à s'affilier à ces sociétés secrètes qui n'ont pas été approuvées par