

exceedingly well pleased with his visit and every sentiment of admiration and good will be expressed was heartily reciprocated by the very large number (over 160) of members present. His Lordship is a man of exceptional culture and erudition, and he quite captivated the hearts of the members by his cordial manner, his keen and intelligent interest in everything pertaining to the society, and the spirit of benevolence and good will which shone from his cheerful countenance and manifested itself in every act and attitude. His kindly expression was softened by a mellow, full-toned voice and an easy grace of manner. His vigorous language, his impressive personality, his scholarly dignity, his sweetly gentle face, which easily lights up with a kindly humor—all these combined to drive his ideas, clothed in rich language, home to his auditors.

Judge McHugh, being requested to say a few words, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome His Lordship to Branch No 1. He referred to His Lordship's thoughtfulness in setting apart an evening in the midst of his many pressing engagements to visit our branch. He recalled his early acquaintance with His Lordship twenty-five years ago, when a student in St. Michael's College. His courtesy and unfailing kindness to every one with whom he came in contact are qualities which made him universally beloved during his student days, and which would also assist him in the discharge of his episcopal duties. Adverted to the success of Branch No. 1, more especially to the harmonious relations which have always existed among the members of the branch, though of different races, an example worthy of emulation in the larger and more important work of the Church which devolved upon each one of them. He thanked His Lordship for his kindly reference to him when happier days were enjoyed as students in their Alma Mater. The pleasure of listening to His Lordship's instruction this evening, and the words of wisdom contained therein, will sink deeply into our hearts.

Very Rev. Dr. Flannery, our venerable and highly esteemed Spiritual Advisor and beloved pastor, was called on for a speech. On rising he referred to His Lordship's kindness and thoughtfulness amidst his numerous engagements in being with us this evening. He thanked the visiting clergy for their presence here this evening. He referred to this occasion as one of those few pleasant events in ordinary life that release us from our pastoral business cares and afford us opportunities to mingle in cheerful fellowship. We are all delighted to have His Lordship with us this evening; his cheerful disposition will have a tendency to clear away the dust and cobwebs from our brains, to revive our social natures and to develop the fraternal sentiments and greetings. When I look around this hall and see so many friendly faces, familiar faces, my heart warms, and there comes bubbling up the desire that those happy visits might be more frequent, while I rejoice with you all that this meeting has been a triumph of social enjoyment, having with us the chief pastor of the diocese. I feel that whenever I come amongst my parishioners I am always received with a "cord mille falthe."

Bro. Francis Cleary, whose gentle manner, kindly nature, ever ready wit, brilliant and clear, on rising to numerous calls, thanked His Lordship for favoring the branch with his pres-

ence this evening, also the large number of visiting clergy from neighboring parishes as well as our own priests. He was pleased to listen to the kindly words from His Lordship. He referred to the visit of His Grace, the late venerable Archbishop of Toronto, when he was Bishop of London, some ten years ago.

We had then 100 branches with a membership of 4000. Now we have 319 branches with a membership of 13 000

Rev. Fathers Baudoin, Mounier, Lorian, L'Heureux, Brady and Scanlan and Bros. D B Olette, John L. Murphy, His Worship the Mayor, John Davis, W. F. McKee, Drs. Casgrain and Reaume, John Moyn, J. N. Pepin, S Gignac, Patrick Harrahan, John H. Connolly and others made appropriate remarks, Drs. Reaume and Casgrain being particularly humorous.

P. M. KROGH Rec. Sec.

GRAND RELIGIOUS REUNION

Of the Branches of the City and District of Montreal.

Early in August Grand Deputy Costigan, of Montreal, convened a meeting of the Grand Deputies and Presidents of branches in his district. Many questions of interest were discussed at this meeting, amongst which the advisability of the holding of a grand religious re-union. The idea was approved and the Grand Deputies were appointed a special committee to make the necessary arrangements, and this committee, composed of Grand Deputies A H Spedding, Chairman; Geo. A Carpenter, J. H. Feeley, A. B. Poitevin, J. E. Bourgeon, C Fortier and Jas J. Costigan, Secretary, are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

Early on Sunday morning, Oct 22nd inst., the old historic Champ de Mars was a scene of animation; it was a glorious day; old Sol was out in all his splendor. About half past 9 o'clock the members began to arrive and by 10 o'clock all was in readiness, when the procession was formed and started on its way to the Church of St. Louis De France. In the following order:

- Grand Marshal.
- Grand Deputy, A. H. Spedding.
- Assistants, Brothers A. Gauthier and Geo. Vandaelac.
- St. Peter's Temperance Society Band.
- Flag of the C M B A. of Canada
- St Elizabeth Branch, No. 240, President, Charles Fortier; Chancellor, F. N. Lamoire, and F. X. Payette; 50 members.
- St. James de Minor Branch, No. 232; President Thos R Cowan; T. M. Ireland and 25 members
- St. Vincent de Paul Branch, No 207; President M. Langlois and 30 members.
- St. Joseph's Branch, No. 196; President M. Bslanger and 30 members.
- Hochelaga Branch, No. 191; President N Racine and 35 members
- Notre Dame Branch, No. 190; President Bruno Charbonneau, and 30 members.
- St. Louis Branch, No. 183; President, L. A. Primeau; Chancellor Kieffer, and 30 members.
- St. Jean Baptiste Branch, No. 112; President N P. Lamoureux; Chancellors Dr. Germain, J. Girard, L. Forget and 70 members.
- Sacred Heart Branch, No. 140; President Spedding and 40 members.
- St. Bridget Branch, No. 87; President J Bland, ex-M. L. A.; Chancellor Campeau, and 75 members.

St. James Branch, No. 83; Pres. C Daudelin; Chancellor P. A. Boucher, and 25 members

St. Gabriel's Branch, No 74; President Deegan; Chancellor Jer. Coffey, and 40 members.

St. Mary's Branch, No 54; President C. O'Brien; Chancellor J. Coogan. P. Wright and 40 members

St. Anthony's Branch, No 50; President, N. Frereault; Chancellors, P. Doyle, T P Tanssey, M. J. Polan, and 40 members.

St. Ann's Branch, No 41; President, A. Jones; Chancellor, W. J. McElroy, and 20 members.

St. Patrick's Branch, No 26. President, D. J. McGillis; Chancellors, Patrick Reynolds, A. D. McGillis, M. Sharkey, M. Egan, Dr. Harrison. Brothers W. E. Doran, J. F. O'Callaghan, B. Tanssey, F. Curran, B. C. I., J. J. Shaw, Owen Tanssey, G. A. Gadbois, Alex. McCulloch, John Walsh, J. Hollahan, Dr. Phelan, R. J. Dolan, J. J. Maguire, W. B. Carter; Marshal, James Milloy, and 100 members

Following those were representatives from outside branches: Branch 95; Lachine; Branch 171, St. Laurent; Branch 158 St. Vincent de Paul; and Grand Deputies Brothers George A Carpenter, J. J. Feeley, J. E. Bourgeon. Organizer J. E. H. Howison and the following invited guests from the Grand Council of Quebec: Grand Treasurer J. Archambault, Supreme Deputy P. Flannery, Grand Deputy James Meek, District Deputy Wm Davis, Secretary F. C. Lawlor, President H. Butler, Secretary Curran, Vice President M. J. Ryan, and other officers of the Quebec Council branches, and following those were Senior Grand Deputy J. J. Costigan, supported by Grand President L. E. Leclerc, N. P. of the Quebec Grand Council, and Grand Deputy A. B. Poitevin

The route of the procession was by way of St. Denis street, St. Hubert, Saebrook, St. Ernest and Laval avenue, to the St. Louis de France church, where High Mass was celebrated. Rev. Father Larocque was celebrant, with Rev. Fathers Hurteau and Forest, as deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. After the first Gospel, Rev. Father Donnelly ascended the pulpit and preached eloquently upon the history of the C. M. B. A

The society was organized in the '50's, and now numbers 323 branches throughout Canada with a membership of 13 000. Sixteen branches are located in Montreal, having some 1,000 enrolled members. As its title indicates the society's principal aim is beneficial, but the social side is not neglected, and musical and literary gatherings and social summer outings are of frequent recurrence. The reverend father urged upon the members the necessity of union, and the putting aside of all selfish ambitions. Each member should be an apostle, by making widely known the features of the society, which ought to benefit its members. The Church was proud of the society, because to be a member in good standing of the C. M. B. A. was to be a good practical Catholic. The badge of the society was a certificate of the respectability of the wearer. The demonstration of the day was intended to show the people the strength and standing of the society, and to interest them in its work. The preacher congratulated the members upon the day's demonstration and urged them to pray that "God may bless this army."

The seats of honor in front of the altar were occupied by Grand President Leclerc, Hon. Justice Curran,

Senior Deputy J. J. Costigan and the other officers and the presidents of the branches. The musical portion of the service was most impressive and grand and in keeping with the occasion. This celebration was indeed a most successful and happy one, and one of its most pleasing features was the harmony displayed in the walking side by side of the members of the two divisions of the C. M. B. A.

The unavoidable absence of the Grand President, Hon. M. F. Hackett, was much regretted

KINDLY REMEMBERED.

The Faculty of St. Ann's College wish to express their sincere thanks to the members of Branch No 100 C. M. B. A., of Church Point, N. S., for the construction and running of a bowling alley in aid of the college during a picnic held some time ago.

The Faculty wish also to tender their thanks to the St. Ambrose Dramatic Club of Yarmouth, which is in great part composed of C. M. B. A. members, for their much appreciated performances, which added over a hundred dollars to the college fund.

THE LATE W. P. KILLACKY.

At a meeting of the Grand Trustees of the C. M. B. A., held at Niagara Falls on the 26th of August, 1909 the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the Trustees have learned with profound regret of the unexpected death of Bro W P Killackey, who had given to the Association many years of able and disinterested service as a member of the Grand Council, as one of the Board of Trustees and as an Organizer of the Association; be it Resolved that there be recorded the high appreciation which the Trustees have ever had of the valuable services rendered by our late brother to the Association, and that there be conveyed to his bereaved sister an expression of their sincere condolence and sympathy.

S. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.
M. F. HACKETT, Grand President.

THE C. M. B. A. "AT HOME"

The annual At Home and dance of Branch 100, C. M. B. A., of St. Patrick's parish, Halifax, N. S., was held in their rooms, Barrington street, on Thanksgiving Eve, and was well attended, about one hundred couples being present. The hall had been beautifully adorned with a plentiful supply of bunting. Among the other decorations were crayons and paintings of all the Archbishops from Archbishop Walsh to Archbishop O'Brien, who is Spiritual Advisor of the C. M. B. A.

As the guests arrived they were received by Pres P. J. McManus, Vice-Pres M. Mulroney, and Chairman R. Clancy. Buchanan's orchestra supplied a nice programme of dance music, and the whole affair was a most enjoyable one. Supper was served at midnight. The caterer was H. Mahar, and he gave general satisfaction. The committee who had the successful function under their management consisted of: Bros R. Clancy, Chairman; P. J. McManus, Geo. Kinsman, N. Mulcahey, M. Mulroney, Wm. Laffey, J. Clancy, J. Dyer, F. P. Quinn, G. Verdi, Secretary

Branch 100 intend holding several At Home and euchre parties during the coming winter.