

THE C. M. B. A.

Springhill, N. S., Mar. 1, 1914. To the Officers and Members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association:

At a regular meeting of Branch 225, C. M. B. A., Springhill, N. S., the undersigned Committee appointed by above branch beg leave to hand you herewith resolution on proposed new rates.

While we recognize the fact that the N. F. C. rates are a necessity and further the necessity of making the deficiency of \$5,000,000 occurring in the finances of the Association since its organization, and at the same time we congratulate the Executive on this adoption and keeping the Association solvent. Still we think that the method of applying the same is unfair to the older members, a great majority joining previous to 1907.

In view of the fact that the C. M. B. A. is not only an insurance society but a fraternal one as well, we think that a policy may be pursued by which this deficiency may be made good without placing the whole on the shoulders of the older members. Therefore we suggest the following:

A. That each member shall be charged the amount prescribed by the table of rates as at age of entry.

B. That each member shall pay to the Association the amount owing due to inadequate insurance rates previous to July 1st, 1915.

C. This amount to be paid by each individual member in cash or by a lien for the amount to be deducted from his policy plus 4 per cent. interest at death.

Illustration. A member enters at thirty-four years, in 1893, and pays \$1.20 per month, which makes \$14.40 per year for a policy of \$1,000. He is now twenty-two years a member and pays in this time \$216.00.

Had he paid according to the N. F. C. table, \$1.34 per month or \$16.08 a year, amounting in twenty-two years amounting to \$353.76. \$353.76 minus \$14.40 leaves \$339.36, which amount he is requested to pay the Association plus 4 per cent. interest at death.

Illustration No. 2. A man joining at forty-three years, for instance, in 1900 and pays 80 cents per month for a policy of \$500. In fifteen years he pays \$144. Had he paid as per N. F. C. rate it would cost him 95 cents per month or in the fifteen years \$171, a difference of \$27.00 plus 4 per cent. interest which he is asked to pay.

No. 3. That each member be charged the amount prescribed by N. F. C. table at his age at one half of the time expiring between the date of entry and July 1st, 1915. As in suggestion one, a man entering at thirty-four years in 1893 and in twenty-two years a member on July 1st, 1915. For instance, go back to his age at one half of this number, which leaves him forty-five years and charge him the rate as according.

In order to accurately ascertain the amount requested to pay by each individual member entering in error in the past, the office should be requested to supply exact numbers of assessments and amounts paid in the past.

We are of the opinion in the course of time the extra amount collected in this way would be sufficient to cover all shortages in the finance of the Association as previously stated due to inadequate rates of insurance in the past. It also keeps the association solvent. Should there be a possibility of us being in error as to the above we venture to further suggest that every member of the Association be charged 10 cents extra per month over what the table shows. Only until this shortage is made good and the time for the same to be discontinued be determined by the executive.

Conclusion. We recommend that every step be taken to avoid the driving out of older members which would surely be the under current in this Association which has stood so nobly of any branch of its kind in Canada.

Respectfully Committee on new rates: John C. McNeill, W. A. Harris, Jas. W. Dunn, Archie Landry, Jas. Johnson, Santo Gaultier, Fred Casey, Wm. Mackey, Lewis Carrigan, John C. McNeill.

INTERESTING PEN PICTURE OF HOLY FATHER

The well-known sculptor Raffaele Romanelli, who has been commissioned to execute two busts of the Holy Father, and who has already been privileged with two sittings gives us an interesting description of the head and face of Benedict XV.

The Pope, he says, was pleased to receive me alone in his study, where Mgr. Misasielli had arranged everything I needed for my work. But it was not easy work under the circumstances. The Pontiff had agreed to pose—but it was only posing of a kind, for he went on with his own occupation with a mass of correspondence, pausing now and then to address a remark to me, about the war which has so greatly afflicted him, about things of art, and so on.

At the end of this sitting I had some difficulty in obtaining a promise of another of three-quarters of an hour, but the Pontiff graciously consented at last: "I am at your service," he declared, smiling good-naturedly, "but on condition that you go at ten minutes to four."

I kept to the timetable and was fortunate enough to secure a third sitting, when I explained that the two others had really been too short. "The Pope has a very interesting head, with something about it that reminds one partly of Niccolò da Uzzano's head by Donatello and that

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of Fra Girolamo Savonarola. The marks of a very vivid intelligence shine forth in it.—Intermountain Catholic.

DEATH OF SISTER M. FAUSTINA

After five days of intense suffering, borne with marvellous patience and resignation, was ended, on March 25th, a life precious before God and admirable in the eyes of man.

In the tenth year of her religious life, Sister M. Faustina of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, died at St. Mary's Convent, North Bay, fortified by the rites of Holy Mother Church.

The deceased Sister was known in the world as Miss Gertrude Turcotte, of Chapeau. Of her it can truly be said: "During a short time she fulfilled a long space." Her heart was with the little ones confided to her care. To them she taught, not only the rudiments of knowledge, but she sought to instill in their tender hearts a great love for the Child Jesus.

The fatigues of a day's teaching were not sufficient for this servant of God. After class hours she would visit a family in need or a sick mother, bringing to all consolation and making poverty or illness lighter by her kind words and pleasant smile.

Her generous soul made her find time to think of others than the children, the poor and the sick. Solicitous for the moral and intellectual welfare of the young ladies, she gave them some of her most precious hours; teaching them a sincere devotion to the Virgin and urging them to spend their leisure hours in some intellectual work.

Thus her short life spent in doing good to others was full before God. May her soul rest in peace, and from her heavenly abode may she watch over those for whom she labored with so much self-denial.

The devotion of the reverend clergy and people was manifested by their extreme kindness during Sister's illness. And the Mass offerings, numbering over one hundred, showed their appreciation of a life devoted entirely to their spiritual and temporal welfare.

His Lordship Bishop Scollard presided at the funeral services at North Bay and spoke at length of the virtues practiced by the departed Sister. The entire parish paid a last tribute of homage to her by accompanying the remains to the station, whence they were taken to Peterborough for interment. A solemn Mass of Requiem was sung on Monday in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Mount St. Joseph, Peterborough, by His Lordship Bishop O'Brien, assisted by Rev. J. O'Brien, and Rev. C. J. Phelan. At the end of Mass a most touching sermon was preached by His Lordship Bishop O'Brien.

Sister M. Faustina is mourned by three sisters; Mrs. E. McDonald of Portage du Fort, Mrs. C. Hughes, and Miss Turcotte of Ottawa, and one brother.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

HIGH COMMENDATION

Madame Lohmann, the well known Dutch historian and rationalist writer, gives the following high commendation of the Catholic missions: "At the sight of the immense blessings derived from the Catholic orders and missionaries, it is impossible not to be filled with genuine respect and esteem. The Roman Catholic creed continues to possess a power which sooner or later, must carry off a decisive victory over Protestantism. I know this assertion will bring upon me a hurricane of indignation from my compatriots; still, I do not fear to say it again—modern Protestantism will end in a mere hollow sound."

"I have had opportunities of coming to know in the East and West Indies and in various countries of Europe, the exemplary life of the Religious and the missionaries of the Catholic Church, and of witnessing the unsparring charity of the nuns in the school rooms and hospital wards. "Many of our people, before visiting these countries, were in the habit of calumniating Catholics, either through ignorance or through human disrespect. But, after seeing the wonders of the Catholic apostleship among the heathen and the poor despised blacks, those same people in my hearing, avowed with shame that Catholic charity and self-sacrifice

surpassed in heroism everything imaginable in that respect, holding an unique place in the world and in history."—Providence Visitor.

SOME RECENT CONVERTS

Compton Mackenzie, of London; author of "Youth's Encounter," "Sinister Street," and other novels. Rev. O. L. Harbord, Campbellite preacher, Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. Frederik Schuchard, a Lutheran minister of Dubuque, Ia., his wife and family. He was converted by investigating anti Catholic slanders against the Church.

J. C. Alexander, Hartford College, Oxford University, Judge Kimball, Stamps, Ark., late of Texas, his wife and family. They were formerly Baptists who were converted by calumnies against the Church which they investigated and found to be lies. One of the daughters has entered a convent.

Miss Harriet L. Weir, daughter of Rev. O. J. Weir, of the Presbyterians, Grand Junction, Colo.

Ripley Dunlap Saunders, dramatic and literary critic, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Spanish American veteran and author of "Col. Todhunter of Missouri," and other novels; received from Presbyterianism on his deathbed.

Dr. David Roberts, London, whose family established Calvinism in Wales; nephew of Sir William Roberts; received on his deathbed.

Miss Georgia Hammond, daughter of the late Rev. George Hammond, and granddaughter of Rev. John Lancaster, of the Methodists, New York. A well known member of the Right Rev. Endless Society, and author of stories in Protestant magazines.

Mrs. McAteer, wife of Vincent McAteer, editor of the Comfort, (Texas) News; sister of Miss Thelma Reed, also a convert and niece of a Baptist minister, St. Louis. Mrs. McAteer's husband and two sons are also under instruction.

Lieut. H. G. V. Roberts, of the Eighth Battalion Middlesex Regiment, England.

James Potter, brother of Rev. Mr. Potter, of the Methodists, Denver. Rev. Alfred Plescia, an Italian Baptist minister connected with the Italian colony of Winsted, Conn., and with Colgate Seminary, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Vera Bergen, daughter of Conrad Bergen, Boulder, Colo. Gus. G. Gesler, assistant manager of the King Furniture Co., San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. R. T. Hagen, Grand Junction, Colo., received on her deathbed. Roy Gedney, Albany, Ore.

Thomas H. Miles, Denver. Miss Maude Lillian Innes, daughter of Charles W. Innes, Frederickburg, Va.

Miss Pearl Adams, Astoria, Ore. At the recent mission held by Father Conway, C.S.P., at St. Mark's Church, St. Louis, 70 converts were made.

The Bishop of Newark recently confirmed 19 converts in the chapel of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Newark.

Thirty-five adult converts were received by the Apostolate Fathers as a result of a recent mission in St. Malachy's Church, Philadelphia. The Archbishop of Philadelphia, on a recent Sunday, confirmed 12 adult converts at St. Alphonsus' Church, Philadelphia.

Fifty-one converts were received at the Detroit Cathedral last year. Among the dioceses making reports of converts received last year in the Official Catholic Directory are the following: Milwaukee, 580; New Orleans, 402; Columbus, 381; Fall River, 129; Harrisburg, 179; La Crosse, 412; Lincoln, 112; Mobile, 108; Rochester, 445; San Antonio, 219; Seattle, 320; Wichita, 129, and the Vicariate of North Carolina, 77.

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DEATH OF THE REV. BROTHER PAUL

On Thursday, the 8th instant, Rev. Brother Paul, one of the oldest members of the Order of the Christian Brothers in Toronto, passed to his reward in the sixty-eighth year of his age. Deceased had been suffering for some time and about a month ago was obliged to give up teaching. Soon after it was deemed advisable to remove him to St. Michael's Hospital where a paralytic stroke hastened the end for which he prepared with true Christian patience and resignation.

Rev. Brother Paul, whose family name was Lawrence O'Connell, was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1847, and came to America with his family when quite young. They settled at Sharon Springs, N. Y., where the young man eventually took up the teaching profession. As his interest in the work grew, his piety and zeal determined him to join a religious teaching Order and, in 1877, he entered the Christian Brothers' Novitiate in Montreal. He began his teaching career as a Brother at Ottawa, and afterwards came to Kingston and Toronto. In 1896 he was named Principal of St. Francis School, which position he occupied until 1905, when he was transferred to St. Mary's School, where he exercised his apostolic functions until a month before his death. The deceased Brother was identified with Catholic education in Ontario for well-nigh forty years and gave himself to the work with a zeal, intelligence, and kindly manner that will cause him to be long and lovingly

remembered by the many boys and young men who came under his influence. The funeral, which took place from St. Mary's Church on Saturday, the 10th instant, was attended by all the members of the Christian Brothers' community of Toronto and by a large number of the city clergy, of the reverend Sisters, and of the friends and pupils of the deceased. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. E. J. Kelly, P. P., Thornhill, Ont., a former pupil of Brother Paul. Rev. Melville Staley acted as Deacon, and Rev. Aloysius Clancy as Sub-deacon. Right Rev. Monsignor Whelan, V. G., represented His Grace the Archbishop. The family was represented by Mrs. Hoyle, Troy, N. Y., a sister, and Miss Hoyle, a niece. The choir which rendered the beautiful Gregorian Chant with remarkable ability, was composed of students of the Christian Brothers' Training College. Interment took place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Rev. Father Kelly officiating at the grave.

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MULTUM IN PARVO

According to the Official Catholic Directory, just issued by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, for 1915, the Catholic Church in the United States shows a gain in membership for the past years of 241,825.

In the United States proper there are 16,809,310 Catholics, showing a gain of 3,846,517 in the last ten years and a gain of 7,321,445 during the past twenty years. According to the editor, at least 10 per cent. should be added for "floating" Catholic population of which no record can be kept.

There are 18,994 Catholic clergymen in the United States. There are 14,961 Catholic churches, showing that 310 new Catholic churches have been established during the past year.

The statistics for New York State are as follows: Catholics, 2,895,824; churches with resident priests, 1,120; missions with churches, 311; secular clergy, 2,041; priests of religious orders 687; seminaries, 8; seminarians, 1,051; parochial schools, 606; pupils, 235,509; colleges and academies for boys and girls, 184; students in colleges and universities, 17,710; homes, asylums and charitable institutions, 192.—The Lamp.

RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE

Former President William H. Taft recently delivered an address on "My Visit to the Vatican" before the National Geographical Society in Washington, D. C. He went to Rome in 1902, when he was Secretary of War, to get the influence of Pope Leo XIII. to promote peace between Church and State in the Philippine Islands. He praised that Pontiff as "one of the great figures in the latter part of the nineteenth century. That Pope," said Mr. Taft, "enabled us to settle substantially all the questions pending between the Church and the Philippine Government."

Mr. Taft next spoke of the absence of hostile comment on his mission to the Pope by Protestant denominations. Then he made this notable declaration: "I cannot but regard this aspect of our dealing with the Pope as a most important one in showing that the period of great intolerance as between the sects has largely passed away."

"The churches to-day are not wasting their efforts in a discussion of difference in creed, but they are standing shoulder to shoulder in a struggle to help society and its members to better lives."

From time to time a revival of religious prejudice occurs, and an effort is made to inject into political controversies this odium theologium I greatly deprecate the organization of parties on religious lines, because I think it bodes no good for the republic. No Church is so strong that its intervention in politics will not ultimately defeat its purpose therein.

DIED BARRETT.—At her late residence Waterloo avenue, Guelph, Ont., on April 8, 1916, Mrs. Bridget Barrett, widow of the late Edward Barrett, aged seventy-seven years. May her soul rest in peace!

O'NEIL.—At Enfield, Hants, Co., N. S., on March 25th, Thomas O'Neil aged forty-four years and five months leaving a sorrowing widow and ten children to mourn the loss of a kind and devoted husband and father. May his soul rest in peace!

The Creator has felt the exile of the creature a burden, if I may dare to say so, as well as the poor creature itself. Like other fathers, He wants His children home.—Father Faber.

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and no reason for voting against a man is so narrow and unrepulsive as that he differs from the voter in religious belief. The formation of societies or parties to give effect to a movement in favor of the members of any Church should be frowned on by every friend of democracy and every friend of religious liberty. Such movements usually are conducted under the cloak of secrecy and are almost always by reason of this perverted into an instrument for some body's ambition or to achieve some political revenge."—Intermountain Catholic.

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ONE CONVERT'S TESTIMONY

Writing to the Denver Catholic Register, Dr. Victor McKee, formerly a Baptist, says: "The General Baptist Messenger has come forth with a statement which is extraordinary as it is lacking in truth. It reads in part as follows: "Catholics of this country are trying to have publications which criticize that Church excluded from the mails. Of course, Catholic papers that criticize Protestants are all right."

"The truth is that Catholics are not nearly so deeply concerned in the matter of publications which criticize the Church as in the matter of unprincipled lines who not only criticize the Catholic Church, but who misrepresent Catholic belief and who assail the good name of exemplary Christian individuals."

"I have never seen a malicious attack upon the moral character of a Protestant minister or layman in the columns of the Catholic paper. I have never seen the virtue of Protestant womanhood questioned therein. But during the twenty years that I occupied a pew in the Baptist meeting house I heard the Catholic Church accused of almost every offense imaginable, and not always in language most choice or in a spirit most charitable. In fact, it was Baptist abuse of all things Catholic that aroused within me a desire to learn something of a faith so heartily despised. And since becoming a Catholic I can truthfully assert that I have not seen Baptist scandal aired in the Catholic press."

"Anyway, it might be well to remind the General Baptist Messenger that the Catholic people are desirous of excluding from the mails only those papers which are obscene, low, lascivious and filthy. If Baptist publications do not come under this head, the Baptist editors have little to fear in the way of a curtailment of the freedom of their press."

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