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ADVERTISEMENTS.

We are now prepared to accept advertisements for THE CANADIAN. The terms are \$30 per column per annum or \$5 per inch space per annum payable strictly in advance. There is no better medium for advertising. THE CANADIAN has a circulation of 14,000, extending all over Canada.

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THE CANADIAN PRAISED.

We have received a large number of letters from members of our Association in various parts of Canada complimenting us on the "greatly improved appearance and general make-up of THE CANADIAN."

One of our reverend Fathers who takes much interest in fraternal associations, says: "I am receiving many official organs of fraternal associations both in Canada and the United States, but there is not one of them can at all compare with that of the C. M. B. A. THE CANADIAN, both in appearance and the matter it contains, is a credit to you and the Association it represents."

(Our desire is to make THE CANADIAN just what our members see it is, namely, a first class official organ; and it is very gratifying, indeed, to learn from such good authority that we have succeeded in the object we had in view and that our services are appreciated.—Editor.)

INCREASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

The work of increasing our membership should be the duty of the entire branch membership and it should be undertaken as a body, not as individuals. True, individual efforts are to be commended and should always be exercised, but it is only to be expected that a united effort should frequently be made for increased membership by every branch in the Association. We would suggest as a line of action that all branch meetings be summoned by special notice if necessary. At this branch meeting, the name of every eligible candidate in the community

should be submitted. The district covered by the branch should then be divided into sections. Each section should be placed in charge of a certain number of members, who should canvass it thoroughly. An open meeting of the branch should then be held, to which all Catholics—men, women, and children—in the branch district should be invited. Good speakers, well in touch with the work of the C. M. B. A., should address this meeting, placing concisely and clearly before the audience the aims and objects of the Association. There are few districts where such speakers can not be secured. The Grand Officers are at the disposal of adjacent branches requiring such speakers. The Organizers can also be obtained for such purposes. Then clinch the matter by taking applications. This plan has been found to work like a charm in many sections. Try it, brothers, try it. Improve upon it if you can; but try this plan or an improved one right away.

OUR DECEASED BROTHERS.

In this month of November, when the Church specially recommends the departed souls to the devotion of the faithful, it would be a beautiful, charitable, and highly profitable act if each of our C. M. B. A. Branches in Canada would have a Mass offered for the souls of our departed brothers, who may be now crying out to us "Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you my friends, because the hand of the Lord hath touched me."

Purgatory is a marvel of God's forbearing mercy towards men; by it God gives us new chances when we forfeit the earlier ones.

We are bound to help all our brethren according to their needs and our abilities. Let us, C. M. B. A. men, then help our dear deceased brothers by the most powerful of all means at our command, viz., by having offered up for them the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us never forget that our turn must come and how soon we know not.

NOTE.

The annual elections of branch officers shall take place at the first regular meeting of the branch in December.

If fifteen members are present and entitled to vote, it would take four black balls to reject an applicant by ballot. (See Sec. 149 of Constitution.)

The pastor of the parish in which a branch is situated is Spiritual Advisor of that branch whether he be a member of the C. M. B. A. or not. (See Sec. 160.)

The membership should be made twenty thousand before the next convention. It can easily be done if an effort be made. Now, dear reader, how many members can you add?

Applicants should pay their initiation fees at the time their applications for membership are being filed in—if they are rejected this fee is returned to them. (See Sec. 150.)

The nominating and the electing of representatives and alternates to the Grand Council Convention of 1901 are not to take place until the regular nominations and elections of branches in November and December, 1900.

The deciding of the question as to whether a member is a practical Catholic or not is left entirely to the parish priest and the Bishop of the diocese in which such member's branch is located. (See Sec. 31.)

Grand Solicitor Latchford is now the Hon F. R. Latchford, having been chosen as Minister of Public Works by the present Ontario Government. We tender our brother our hearty congratulations.

The Association desires none but good, strong healthy applicants, none but excellent risks both morally and physically. The duty of securing such or excluding the opposite should receive the attention of every member lay and professional.

Branches should collect the Supervising Medical Examiner's fee at the time the applicant's application for membership is filled in, as branches are held liable for said fee whether the applicant is approved or rejected. (See Sec. 147 of Constitution.)

In all branches having a membership of more than twenty-five, seven members shall be the lowest number to constitute a quorum, but in branches with a membership of twenty-five or less, five may form a quorum. (See Sec. 157 and 155.)

Members of the C. M. B. A. must be practical Catholics and must continue to be practical Catholics and perform their Easter duty. Any member who does not perform his Easter duty is not entitled to participate in the Beneficiary Fund of the Association. This is stated on every policy issued by Grand Council. (See Sec. 30.)

An applicant for membership must not be balloted for until a favorable report upon his medical certificate has been received by the branch from the Grand Secretary, and upon his application from a majority of the Board of Branch Trustees. (See Sec. 154 of Constitution.)

At the annual meeting of the North British Society of Halifax, held on the 3rd inst., Grand Trustee Bro. J. A. Chisholm was elected President. This society is the oldest existing national society in Canada, having been established in 1768, and Mr. Chisholm is the first Catholic to fill the chair since the foundation of the society. The

North British has assets of over \$23,400, the income from which is expended in charity.

BISHOP McEVAY VISITS BRANCH NO. 1, WINDSOR.

On the 13th of October Branch No. 1 had the pleasure of welcoming a distinguished visitor in the person of His Lordship, Bishop McEvay, of London.

Over 150 members assembled in the hall. His Lordship was accompanied by our venerable and esteemed pastor, Dr. Flannery, Rev. Fathers Beaudoin, of Walkerville; Meunier, Belle River; Lorton, Rucom; L'Heureux, Bishop's Secretary; and Brady and Scanlon of Windsor.

The President, Thos. Kinsella, read in a clear and distinct voice the following address to His Lordship:

To the Right Reverend Forgas Patrick McEvay, Bishop of London.

Right Rev. Sir—The members of Branch No. 1, C. M. B. A. of Canada, desire to acknowledge Your Lordship's kindness in visiting our branch and to convey to you the assurance of our homage and respect.

We extend to you our congratulations on your elevation to the exalted office of Bishop, and rejoice in the fact that your name will add additional lustre to the role of illustrious prelates who have been identified with this Association.

We offer you the fraternal greetings of a brother and cordially welcome you to the birthplace of the C. M. B. A. in Canada.

We would remind Your Lordship that it was in this city, on the 11th Feb., 1878, that the Association, by the organization of our branch, was established in Canada.

Your Lordship's intimate acquaintance with the history of the Association renders it unnecessary for us to refer at length to its objects, or to its rapid growth and extension through our fair Dominion, suffice it to say that it now numbers 319 branches, with an aggregate membership of 13,000.

It seeks to promote the moral, intellectual and material advancement of its members and to assist them, irrespective of racial distinction, in the bonds of mutual brotherhood.

The insurance which it provides for its members is also a most commendable feature, and as an illustration of what it is accomplishing in this respect, we may refer to the fact that in the County of Essex, alone it has paid \$16,500 to the families of deceased members.

We are justly proud of the growth of Branch No. 1, which for many years has had a membership of nearly 200, and we invoke your Lordship's benediction, that its future may be equally prosperous.

In conclusion we express the hope that with Your Lordship's well known zeal and fostering care the Association will continue to prosper and develop in the Diocese of London, over which we pray the Giver of all Good you may be long spared to administer its affairs.

Signed on behalf of the branch by

THOS. KINSELLA, Pres.

P. M. KROGH Rec. Sec.

Dated at Windsor, Oct. 13, 1900.

His Lordship's reply was witty, and brimful to overflowing with good humor. He expressed the great pleasure it gave him to visit the pioneer branch of the Dominion. He made a kindly reference to his former associate and companion, Brother McHugh, whom he knew as a good student, a good man and now as a good Judge. He paid a high tribute to the eloquent and brilliant Grand President, Hon. Mr. Hackett, whom he had the pleasure of meeting at Hamilton on the occasion of the Grand Council convention in that city, when Mr. Hackett delivered a magnificent discourse on the aims and objects of the Association.

His Lordship dwelt at considerable length on the Catholicity of the Association and its relation to the Church as an auxiliary. He referred to the grand old society established in Ireland by St. Patrick, in England by St. Augustine, of the noble and saintly French missionaries, who first preached the true gospel of Christianity on this continent. Evidently His Lordship was