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C. M. B. A. BOM.

Never before in the history of the C. M. B. A., has such enthusiasm been manifested among its membership as at present. The \$1 bonus arrangement is certainly having a very satisfactory effect so far as increasing the membership is concerned. It is, however, uncertain how long this arrangement can be continued. It is a great drain on the General Fund of the Grand Council, and unless branches pay their per capita tax, initiation tax, Medical Supervisor's fees and supply account promptly and regularly, said fund will become rapidly depleted, and the bonus must then be discontinued. If all our branches would comply with the regulations in our C. M. B. A. Constitution regarding remittances to the Grand Council, we could do much more toward perfecting the work of the Association, but, when a large number of the branches do not remit until three, six, and in some case even twelve months after the time allowed by the constitution, how can our membership expect the Grand Council to meet its obligations or continue expending money for the purpose of increasing our membership? There is no just cause whatever for branch officers not acting promptly in remitting General Fund account to the Grand Council, as such money is paid by each new member at the time of his initiation, and should therefore, be in the branch treasurer's hands or in bank to the credit of the branch. We are anxious to have our present plan for increasing our membership remain in force until next August, and hope our branches will provide the means for so doing by paying promptly what is due the Grand Council.

During February we had 236 new applications: March 1908 and April

Two or three of our French Branches in Montreal have been doing noble work lately, and we sincerely hope the boom will continue and become contagious throughout Quebec Province.

HIS EXCELLENCY MGR. DOMENICO MEDE FALCONIO

The visit to London of His Excellency Mgr. Falconio, Delegate Apostolic to Canada, which took place the last week in April, will never be forgotten by our C. M. B. A. brothers of this city.

Coming amongst us, as he did, the special representative of our Holy

sent to the United States. The following year he was raised to the priesthood by Right Rev. Doctor Timon, Bishop of Buffalo.

In July, 1866, he was appointed to the vice-presidency of St. Bonaventure's College, at Alleghany, N. Y., filling, at the same time, the chair of philosophy. He became successively secretary of the Franciscan province the Immaculate Conception, professor of theology, and president of the Seminary and college. In 1871, he was transferred to Newfoundland, to assist Mgr. Corfagnini, O. S. F., Bishop of Harbor Grace.

In these various offices Mgr. Falconio

second time when the general Francis can Chapter chose him as procurator general of the Friars Minor in the reformed provinces of Italy. In this capacity he was more than once entrusted with delicate missions by the Generals Bernardin de Portogruaro and Louis de Parma. He visited thirteen provinces of his Order, inculcating the principles of the monastic life and spirit of St. Francis everywhere he passed.

He was on the point of visiting France, in 1892 on a similar mission, when the Sovereign Pontiff preconized him Bishop of Lacedonia in the consistory held in July of that year. The new Bishop made his solemn entry into his diocese on February 2, 1893 and began immediately to work for the spiritual welfare of his flock. His affability, united to a great firmness of character, soon gained for him many friends. He aimed chiefly at getting into direct contact with his diocesans, and in the three years that he remained in Lacedonia visited the whole diocese three times. His pastoral letters, written during this term, were remarkable productions, one deserving special mention, the letter which treated of the respect which Catholics owe to their priests.

The Holy Father raised him, in 1895 to the united archiepiscopal See of Acarenza and Matera. In this new and wider sphere of action, Archbishop Falconio was distinguishing himself when Leo XIII. again called him to a higher dignity, that of Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

His Excellency has been with us now only a few months, and has already visited several of our cities and their religious institutions. He is at present residing in Ottawa.

QUEBEC PROVINCE SHAKES OFF ITS C. M. B. A. LETHARGY.

In reviewing the great work now being done by the C. M. B. A. membership all over the Dominion, in the securing of new members, we will be pardoned if we speak a special word of praise for the gallant band of workers in the city of Montreal.

For many years past the Executive officers felt that the growth and influence of the C. M. B. A. were not by any means as marked as they should be in the great Province of Quebec. There is no concealing this fact. The monthly reports of initiations told the story. The matter was difficult of solution so far as the efforts of the Grand Council were concerned. But a change has come over the spirit of our dreams. A new life and vigor has been born in to our branches in the city of Montreal. There is an exhibition of vitality, of internal resources, of endless determination that has already accomplished much and that give promise of even greater things to come.

The winter of our discontent is now



HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHBISHOP D. FALCONIO, APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO CANADA

Father Pope Leo XIII, that venerable and illustrious Pontiff who on several occasions cabied his blessing to our Association, it was our great privilege and pleasant duty to offer the homage and felicitations of our C. M. B. Association to His Excellency's high office and to extend to him a most hearty welcome.

His Excellency Mgr. Domenico Falconio was born in 1812 at Pescocostanza, in Abruzzo, Italy, and entered the Order of St. Francis at the age of eighteen. After a brilliant course of studies, under the direction of learned members of his Order, he was, in 1865

gained the good will and esteem of all who had dealings with him, and several years ago when he revisited America after a long sojourn in Europe, he was the object of touching and sympathetic demonstrations on the part of his former spiritual children.

From 1883 to 1892 Mgr. Falconio gave his services to his Order as provincial of one of the Franciscan provinces in Italy. During this term of office he opened a novitiate, founded a house of studies, and re-established a number of convents.

In 1888 Mgr. Falconio had just been named superior of his province for a