

C. M. B. A.

NEW BRANCHES IN MONTREAL.

Sacred Heart Branch, No. 140, C. M. B. A., Montreal, P. Q., was organized in the basement of the Sacred Heart church, by Deputy T. P. Tansey, on September 1st.

The organization of this Branch is due entirely to the efforts of President Spedding and Brother Jos. Lemieux, of Branch No. 87, who have finally obtained the object they sought of establishing a branch of the C.M.B.A. in one of the largest parishes in Montreal.

The following is its list of officers: President, A. H. Spedding. First Vice-President, C. Corbin. Second Vice-President, O. Archambault.

Rec. Secretary, Jacques Lafontaine. Assistant Secretary, N. Bechard. Financial Secretary, N. Favreau. Treasurer, Rev. J. L. Turcot. Marshal, J. Charest. Guard, Ed. Boisjoli.

Trustees, for one year, M. Courtemanche, N. Langlois, A. Pelletier; for two years, C. Corbin and O. Archambault.

Branch No. 142, C.M.B.A., was organized on Friday, the 10th inst., in the basement of St. Jean Baptiste Church, by District Deputy T. P. Tansey, assisted by President Dandelin, Branch 84; President A. H. Spedding, Branch 140; President Howison, Branch 87; Financial Secretary O'Donnell, 84; and Bro. Martin, 26; Bro. Drainville, 84; and Bro. Lemieux of 87.

This Branch starts with a membership of thirty, and is situated in a very large parish, the pastor of which, Rev. Father Auclair, is already an active member of 84. After the organization and installation of the officers, Cure Auclair made the speech of the evening, which will no doubt encourage the new members to do their utmost in pushing forward the good work.

The following are the officers of Branch 142: Spiritual Advisers, Reverend Father Auclair.

President, E. Dandelin. First Vice-President, Dr. George T. Moreau. Second Vice-President, A. J. Clement. Recording Secretary, N. P. Lamoureux.

Assistant Secretary, J. P. Lesperance. Financial Secretary, A. B. Poitevin. Treasurer, Jos. Lozeau. Marshal, P. O. Terrault. Guard, J. B. Drainville.

Trustees for one year, M. Lebrun, A. de L. Quesnel and A. Lemieux; for two years, C. A. Gervais and F. Vernier.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Bro. Lasalle Gravelle, of Branch 59, Ottawa, is to be the district deputy for the French branches in Ottawa and surrounding counties.

We congratulate Bro. E. J. Ryan, business manager of the Catholic Journal of Rochester, N.Y., upon his marriage with Miss Ina Stump.

We have much pleasure in welcoming to the ranks of C.M.B.A. literature L'Association, a journal in the French language, printed and published at 68 St. Joseph street, St. Roch, Quebec. Mr. Philippe Masson is editor and manager.

The regular meeting of Branch 94 of the C.M.B.A. was held in their hall in St. Bridget's school, Ottawa, recently. Rev. Canon McCarthy, who succeeded Rev. Father McGovern as spiritual director, was present. Vice-president Sims occupied the chair and the usual reports and routine business was transacted. The Branch tendered its congratulations to Dr. MacCabe on his election to the position of grand president. A similar resolution was adopted at the last regular meeting of Branch 28.

Members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association throughout the Dominion will be pleased to learn that Brother P. J. O'Keefe has been elected without opposition to the responsible position of president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, of New Brunswick, and is at present president of Branch 133, St. John city west, as well as president of St. Patrick's T. A. Society. Some of the old members of St. Patrick's Temperance Society, in this city, will remember that Mr. O'Keefe was elected a member of their body in the winter of '79, being at the time in charge of the press gallery of the House of Commons. Hon. R. J. Ritchie, ex-Solicitor-General and the present Police Magistrate of St. John city, was formerly president of the N. B. Union. We extend congratulations to Bro. O'Keefe. No better selection could be made for the honorable position to which our

friend has been elevated. The people down by the sea know a good man when they see him and generally reward him.—United Canada.

The Supreme Council of the C.M.B.A. last Thursday decided to refuse to give a representative to any Grand Council which is four months in arrears. The Grand presidents and Grand treasurers were given the right to remove local medical examiners for cause. The Supreme legal advisers, medical examiners and chaplains were given notice in the convention. The clause allowing Grand Councils to petition for a separate beneficiary jurisdiction was stricken out and all medical certificates were ordered deposited with the Supreme Recorder. Grand secretaries were ordered to furnish each member of the Supreme Council with copies of their proceedings four weeks before the Supreme Council Convention, under pain of not having the amendments considered. The following officers were elected:—Spiritual Adviser, Right Rev. S. V. Ryan, Buffalo; President, James McGarry, Franklin, Pa.; first Vice President, Michael Brennan, Detroit, Mich.; second Vice President, George W. Hill, Ohio; Recorder, O. J. Hick, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Treasurer, James M. Walsh, Morristown, N.Y.; Marshal, D.D. Hughes, Titusville, Pa.; Guard, A. Valentine, Detroit, Mich.; Legal Adviser, J. J. Keena, Detroit, Mich.; Trustees, W. J. Bulger, Chicago, Ill., and E. J. O'Brien, Guelph, Ont.; Committee on Laws, J. J. Hayes, Buffalo, N.Y., and John O'Meara, Peterboro, Ont.; Committee on Finance, James R. Whelan, Rochester, N.Y., and J. H. Breen, Detroit, Mich. It was decided to hold the next convention in Montreal on the second Tuesday in October, 1892. All of the organs of the Grand Councils were made the official organs of the Supreme Council.

The State of New York, and the town of Niagara Falls of that State, claims the honor of being the birthplace of the C.M.B.A. The original promoters were men of integrity and staunch Catholics. On every hand they saw anti-Catholic benevolent societies drawing largely from the Catholic body. The Catholics, numerous as they were, could claim no distinctively Catholic association. Their foresight enabled them to see that apart from benevolent and social ties between Catholics could be greatly strengthened by such an organization, and still higher and nobler such an organization would be the means of doing an incalculable amount of good to its members.

Impelled with these praiseworthy motives the promoters of the C.M.B.A. set earnestly to work, and in December, 1876, the first branch of the now large and influential association was formed in Canada where its growth has been rapid and substantial. It encompassed Pennsylvania and Ohio where hundreds soon joined its ranks. It caught the populous towns of Eastern New York and its subsequent growth in that State has been most gratifying. Michigan has since been organized for the C.M.B.A. Fifty five branches compose the Grand Council, and the total membership of the association in that State is estimated at 3,800. Detroit has 17 branches of the C.M.B.A.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association issues two beneficiary certificates payable to the relations of members at death, a \$1,000 and a \$2,000 certificate. The period of admission is between the ages of 18 and 50 years. The assessments are on the graded plan. On a \$2,000 policy, they are, from 18 to 25 years, \$1; 25 to 30 \$1.10; 30 to 35 \$1.20; 35 to 40 \$1.30; 40 to 45 \$1.45; 45 to 50 \$1.65. The assessments on a \$1,000 certificate are one-half these amounts. The average number of assessments per annum are 16. The highest they have ever attained were 20. This year they will likely be 17 or 18. The round figures \$2,200,000 have been paid in beneficiaries. Several years ago a reserve fund was established. It is made up of five per cent of the gross assessments and has already amounted to \$200,000. This fund has been created so that members of the association will not have to pay exorbitant assessments in cases of calamities. In this regard, it may be mentioned that the C.M.B.A. cuts off from membership in its ranks all persons living in the Southern States where epidemics are not unfrequent.

To become a member of the C.M.B.A. it is requisite that a person shall be a practical Catholic, and that he be older than 18 years and younger than 50.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of Branch 57, Orillia, Sept. 3, 1890, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Moved by Brother Gunn, seconded by Brother Paton, That, whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst Mrs. Connors, mother of our worthy Marshal, Timothy Connors: be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Branch 57, while bowing submissively to the will of an all-wise Providence, beg to extend to Timothy Connors and family our heartfelt condolence in their great affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of this be sent to Timothy Connors and also to the Catholic Record.

JOSEPH THOMPSON, Rec. Sec.

Whereas, Almighty God has been pleased to summon from our midst after a very brief illness, one of our charter members, in the person of our much esteemed brother, M. Halpin, to that great and unknown future, but we fervently pray to a brighter and happier home beyond the grave,

Resolved, That we, the officers and members of St. Peter's Branch, No. 30, C.M.B.A., desire to place on record our most fraternal feeling for our departed brother and also tender our afflicted wife and family our most cordial and heartfelt commiseration, and pray that God may assist them to bear their loss with true Christian resignation; and be it further

Resolved, That the charter of our branch be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days in respect to the memory of our deceased brother, and that prayers be offered up that God may concede to him eternal rest and happiness.

That a copy of these resolutions be published in our official organs, the C.M.B.A. JOURNAL, and Catholic Record, also the Catholic Review and Irish Canadian, and that a copy be submitted to the bereaved wife and family, and the same spread on the minutes of our Branch. "May his soul rest in peace."

J. J. LYNCH, Rec. Sec.

October 16, 1890.

Fatal Accidents.

Two fatal accidents occurred on the streets of Montreal last week. Irene Simpson, the two and a half year old of Mr. George Simpson, residing on Magdalen street, Point St. Charles, was run over on Tuesday afternoon at the corner of Wellington and Congregation streets and instantly killed. A man, whose name is unknown, was knocked down on Notre Dame street near Bonsecours street. It appears that one of the Shedden company's waggon was being driven slowly along by a driver named Lavele. The unfortunate was seen to stagger on to the street and before anyone was aware of the fact the man was struck on the head by the pole of the waggon. He was picked up and taken to the Notre Dame hospital where he expired half an hour later.

INFIDEL RULE IN CATHOLIC COUNTRIES.

To many it seems strange that in Catholic countries like France, Spain and Italy the infidel element although in a minority continues to seize the reins of power and make war on the Church and on religion. It is the old question: Why does God permit evil? He endowed man with free will, and as that free will is abused it becomes a trial for those who use it in submission to God's holy will. Cain slew, Abel, the just dying by the hand of the unjust. Vice so overpread the world that a deluge swept away the vast majority of mankind. After the flood God chose one nation, the rest of the world resisting his grace and sinking into every form of sin and error. Even in the chosen people, ten tribes out of twelve fell away and perished in their natural and individual character. Three tribes remained true, yet even among them those who received the Messiah when He appeared were but few. The multitude cried: "Not Jesus but Barabbas." Since our Lord ascended, the world has not changed. The Jews rejected Him, His Church and His truth. The Apostles turned to the Gentiles, thousands embraced the faith and nation after nation became Christian. But the enemy was sowing tares. The Germanic nation, including the Anglo-Saxon, the last to bend their necks to the yoke of Christ, were the first to rebel. They were wily and rebelled while professing to love and adore Him. It has taken three centuries for them to drop the mask. In the countries that adhered to the Church the enemy was at work while men slept, when the clergy were careless he sowed his tares, his brambles, his weeds. The good grain was choked up, the field of good grain grew smaller.

Those who wish to serve God and obey His holy law respect the rights of others, they love their neighbor and seek to aid him for this world and the next; those who say, "I will not serve," are conscienceless, they yield to temptations of power, lust and wealth. Hence they succeed in gaining power and abusing it. Their course leads them to a terrible end: but the evil is permitted for the trial and the triumph of the just. The kingdom of heaven is the reward of those who suffer tribulation for God's sake and the tribulation comes as all earthly trials come, that we may use them as stepping stones to heaven.—Catholic News.

THE TRUE CHURCH.

That Jesus has established a Church, and that this Church is composed of all the faithful who have existed up to the present time, and of all those who may hereafter exist, to the end of the world, is a thing well demonstrated. That He has established but one, is no less certain. He has called men of different conditions and countries, but united them in belief and doctrine. If He has sent the "apostles to the different countries of the world," He has expressly charged them to preach everywhere the same Gospel; to teach the same doctrine, and to agree exactly in faith and morals. His manifest intention was to found his Church without distinction of climate, country or nation, so that however dispersed, believing the same truths, they should comprise but one Church.

He who believes not all that has been taught by Jesus, cannot reach heaven; for without faith, it is impossible to please God.

See the sentence that Jesus has pronounced Himself, against those who hear not the Church: "If he hear not the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and publican;" that is to say, as those who have not the faith. Refuse to believe a single article that the Church teaches, and you place yourself in the condition of those who believe none of them; and eternal reprobation is your lot. Whoever transgresses the law in a single point, is as guilty as if he transgressed the whole. Our Divine Master gives no hope of salvation but to those who accept the entire law. Those who reject a portion shall be as the Pagans; their judgment is already pronounced; their reprobation certain; from whence it is certain that there is no salvation out of the true Church.

Where, then, is this true Church? This is most important to know. What are its distinguishing marks? Behold what we must endeavor to discover, since out of it there is no salvation. There are certain characters or marks which belong only to the true Church, and they serve to distinguish it from all others.

According to the symbol drawn up by the General Council of Constantinople, and which is but an extension of that of Nice, the Church is One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic. The four characters united, mark the true Church. The Catholic Church—that is to say, the societies of the faithful, that in different parts of the world recognize the Roman See as the center of Catholic unity, and its Bishop as their head—is the only Church that unites these four characteristics.

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