

# The True Witness



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## Knights of Columbus and Foresters. Convention of Important Catholic Societies. — Saloon-Keepers "Undesirables," Say Foresters.

Supreme Knight—Edward L. Hearn, New Haven, Conn.  
Deputy Supreme Knight—J. A. Flaherty, Philadelphia, Pa.  
National Secretary—Daniel Colwell, New Haven, Conn.  
National Treasurer—P. J. Brady, Cleveland, O.  
National Physician—Dr. Buckley, St. Paul, Minn.

The annual convention of the Knights of Columbus was held at Norfolk, Va., last week. The election of officers resulted as above: A SHARP CONTEST.  
The chief interest of the convention centered in the election of supreme knight. It overshadowed everything else and the issues bearing on it took up most of the time of the convention and were the dominant features. The rival candidates were Edward L. Hearn, of New Haven, Conn., the present supreme knight, and John E. Ewing, of Chicago, backed by the national advocates and former deputy supreme knight, P. L. McArdle, of Chicago. The contest resulted in an overwhelming victory for Hearn. He was elected by a vote of 122 to 40.

A year ago at the convention, a committee was appointed to investigate the administration of the order. The committee in its report sharply criticized the administration, being particularly severe in its strictures on Supreme Knight Hearn. This was made the basis of the fight on the latter. An all day session followed, discussing the committee report pro and con, over fifty speeches being made. It was protested that the committee report was really aimed at the defeat of Supreme Knight Hearn. It early became apparent that the administration forces were in an overwhelming majority. The Ewing strength was found in the states of Illinois and New York. As a result of the contest, Dr. McManus of New York City, the national physician, was defeated, and Dr. Buckley of St. Paul, past deputy of Minnesota, was elected in his stead. \$2,531,000 IN TREASURY.  
P. J. Brady, the national treasurer, reported that the order has \$2,531,000 in its treasury. This is represented by cash in banks in fourteen different states in the union of upwards of a quarter of a million of dollars; first mortgage bonds on the leading railroads of the United States amounting to \$1,870,702.84; mortgages on real estate amounting to \$278,000; real estate owned by the order, nearly \$200,000.

### GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

According to the reports of officers the order has closed a quarter of a century of unexampled prosperity in the history of Catholic fraternal organizations in this country. The order was chartered under the laws of Connecticut, March 29, 1882, and until 1885 confined its operations entirely to the state of Connecticut. April 15, 1885, a council was established in the state of Rhode Island, where the order was well received and met with success. The members of the order in Rhode Island are said to have been enthusiastic, and it was through their efforts largely that the order was carried into Massachusetts, and in 1895, the first New York council was established. At the time Edward L. Hearn assumed the office of supreme knight, operations were confined to sixteen jurisdictions, representing 881 councils, an insurance membership of 22,005, and an associate membership of 20,262. Since then, in a period of eight years, the order flourishes in every state and territory of the United States, in every province of the Dominion of Canada, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, the Philippines Islands and the republic of Mexico, represented by 41 state councils and 12 territorial jurisdictions, an increase of 37 jurisdictions, distributed into 1223 councils, with a total membership of 186,066.

### TO HELP CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES.

It is understood that the organization is about to undertake the biggest task in its career in the interest of the Catholic University of America. It has the heartiest endorsement of Edward L. Hearn, supreme knight.  
At the April meeting of the board of trustees of the Catholic University," said Mr. Hearn, "a resolution was adopted setting forth the need of \$500,000 in addition to the \$1,000,000 already on hand to produce the needed income. To this additional \$500,000 it was further urged that the amount could be raised by the Knights of Columbus and this resolution was unanimously passed and passed by Cardinal Gibbons. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter.

High Chief Ranger—Thomas H. Cannon, of Chicago.  
Vice-Chief Ranger—F. X. Bilo-deau of Montreal.  
High Treasurer—John A. Limback of Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
High Secretary—Thomas F. McDonald of Chicago.  
High Medical Examiner—Dr. J. P. Smyth, of Chicago.

Trustees—Simeon Viger of Lawrence, Mass.; John F. Deberry, of La Crosse, Wis.; T. F. Flynn, of Chicago; Michael J. Herbert, of Chicago; Julius A. Collier, of Shakspeare, Minn.; John E. Stephan, of Chicago; James E. McGinley, of Chicago; Louis J. Nishoff of Chicago.  
Auditors—Gabriel Franchere, of Chicago; George W. Seguin, of Ottawa; D. P. McDonald, of Duluth.

The insurance rates of the Catholic Order of Foresters will not be raised. This was settled after a spirited discussion lasting for three days, at the international convention held at St. Paul last week. The report of the committee, appointed two years ago to revise the insurance rates, favored a substantial increase as necessary for the future of the order. The vote was 112 to 110 in favor of the raise in rates, lacking the constitutional majority of two thirds.

### BARS SALOON KEEPERS.

Another important action taken by the convention was the barring of saloon keepers from membership in the future. The delegates voted by more than two-thirds majority to exclude from the order saloon keepers, bartenders and liquor dealers. The Foresters regard them as extra hazardous risks. This rule will take effect Jan. 1, 1908, but will not affect the standing of present members of the order engaged in the prohibited callings.

### INSURANCE PROPOSITION SERIOUS.

The chief interest in the convention centered in the fight over the report on the committee on revision of insurance rates. The discussion lasted for three days. The report was embodied in a booklet of twenty-eight pages. The Catholic Order of Foresters faces a serious proposition in regard to its insurance feature. The rate committee reported the condition of the order, basing their information on the valuation of certificates of Jan. 1, 1904. The report says: "The valuation or test of solvency shows that the present value of insurance in force—liabilities—Jan. 1, 1904, was \$38,096,945, and that the present value of the expected future assessments on this insurance at the present rates together with the cash in the accumulated benefit fund—assets—amounted to \$20,884,727.

This shows an excess of liabilities over assets of over \$17,000,000, or \$146 for each \$1000 insurance in force. This means that to maintain the present rates as now applied and on the plan under which the order means to operate, a level premium whole life plan, there should have been a reserve fund of \$17,000,000 on Jan. 1, 1904, to supplement the rates."

### NO INCREASE IN RATES.

The committee considered three plans in its efforts to remedy the condition created by the deficiency in the present surplus. By the first each member is to contribute a lump sum of his share of the deficiency, or each member should pay, or each member should pay an adequate assessment rate for the age he has attained. The last was the plan adopted by the committee.  
The convention Thursday decided to make no change in its insurance rates. This decision was reached after the better portion of three days had been devoted to the discussion of the proposal to change the rates and after no less than four different proposals had been made to increase them. The committee report, recommending a change, was passed by a vote of 112 to 110, lacking the constitutional majority.

## C.M.B.A. Convention, August 27-29.

The triennial convention of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada will be held in Montreal on Aug. 27, 28 and 29. Over four hundred delegates are expected from different parts of the Dominion. The admission of women to membership in the organization will be one of the important subjects for the consideration of the delegates. The convention will be held in Stanley Hall, and on the morning of



MR. FRANK J. CURRAN,  
Chairman of the Local Committee.

the first day at 8.30 o'clock all city and visiting members are invited to take part in the procession to St. James Cathedral where high Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bruchesi. The sermons will be preached by the Rev. T. Heffernan and Abbe Richard.  
Mr. M. F. Hackett, K.C., of St. Andrew, grand President of the C.M.B.A., will preside at the deliberations. The other officials are: J. J. Behan, of Kingston, grand secretary; W. J. McKee, of Windsor, grand treasurer; the Rev. A. E. Burke, Prince Edward Island; W. J. Chisholm, of Halifax; George B. McInerney, of St. John, N. B.; Dupont, Hebert, Three Rivers, and George L. Stanton are the grand councillors.

The committee on laws are: John A. Murphy, of Cayuga, Ont.; the Hon. P. A. Landry, of Dorchester, N.B., and F. J. Curran, of Montreal. F. E. Ryan, M.D., of Kingston, is medical adviser, the Hon. Frank Letolbrat, Ottawa, grand solicitor.  
Mr. Frank Curran is chairman of the local committee, and is assisted by Dr. Alex. Germain and F. J. Quesnel, as vice-presidents, and J. B. Quesnel and J. J. Costigan as secretaries.

Up to the year 1898 the C.M.B.A. of the United States and Canada were under one grand council, but at that time it was resolved to elect Canadian officials for the Dominion, and to have a separate council and organization. The result has been of a most satisfactory nature. There are now 415 branches in Canada, with a membership of 28,000. On the evening of Aug. 27 the visiting delegates will be given a drive through the city and a trip to Dominion Park.

## True Witness Means of Conversion

Please send me The True Witness. We cannot get along without it. God bless The True Witness. It has been the means of my conversion in my old age (65).  
R. A. COWAN,  
St. Johns, Nfld.

## PERSONAL.

Monsieur Meunier, Vicar-General of the Diocese of London and P. P. of Windsor, Ont., passed through the city some days ago on his way to the Holy Land. He was accompanied by the Rev. Fathers Langlois and Parent of the same parish.  
Proposals to adopt a rate of 5 per cent. lower than that reported by the committee was also rejected. Flat increases of 25 per cent. and of 33 1/3 per cent. over the present rate were also lost. Sentiment in favor of a change in the rates is growing and advocates of a change are confident that some rate will be adopted at the convention in Montreal in 1909.  
The report of the high secretary showed that the present membership in the United States is 91,220, and in Canada, 26,847, and that the total gain in both countries during the year has been more than 3000.

## A Sad and Sudden Death.

On Friday evening, July 12th, Mrs. A. H. Nelson Kennedy, of Buckingham, Que., passed away to her reward. The circumstances of this good lady's death were singularly sad. She was only 39, she was the mother of two small children, and she was stricken with her fatal ailment only three hours before her death. The announcement of her sudden demise brought forth heartfelt expressions of the deepest sympathy from every side.

Mrs. A. H. N. Kennedy, Susan Emeline O'Neill, was the only daughter of the late Wm. O'Neill, of Buckingham, Que., where the deceased lady was born and lived all her life. While yet young her mother was summoned away by the stern death angel's call, and she and her brothers were left much the same as her own innocent babes are left to-day. In her father's heart she then took the place so long and so constantly held by her good mother. She was the only daughter and the eldest child of a family of three. Her father was a man of most rigorous honesty in business and of the highest integrity of character. He was a native of the County Clare, Ireland, having been born at Crafoe Castle, across the river on the Clare side from Limerick city, and was always a leading factor in promoting every project designed to further the welfare of the Old Land and of his countrymen here. His patriotic sentiments were abundantly inherited by his own family, and not least by his daughter. Those noble characteristics of the Irish woman which mark her out among her sisters as pre-eminently noted for purity, self-sacrifice, tender and loving attachment to kin and kin, were most remarkably personal traits in the character of the deceased lady. About five years ago she was married to Mr. A. H. Nelson Kennedy, hardware merchant of Buckingham. Her two children are mere babies. Her brothers, Wm. S. and John L. O'Neill, are general merchants in the same town. Before her marriage the deceased lady held the position of organist for seventeen years in her native parish of St. Gregory. A sad yet appropriate coincidence it was that after installing the new pipe organ into this church the first use made of it was at the funeral service of Mrs. Kennedy. The funeral was one of the largest seen for a long time in Buckingham, a large number of sympathizing friends having come from a long distance to pay their last respects. The neighboring parish of St. Malachy was on hand in full force. Among those from a distance were Dr. Lynch, of Almonte; Messrs. R. F. Nagle, Hugh and Allen O'Neill, of Ottawa. The gentlemen acting as pall-bearers were Messrs. W. H. Kelly, Connor McGurn, N. Campeau, M. H. Martin and H. McNaughton.

Mrs. Kennedy was a model and most affectionate wife, and Mr. Kennedy has the sincere sympathy of all in his great loss. To her husband she was more than a sister, for her place as eldest of the family gave her a sort of charge over them in their early days, and yet this charge was exercised with all the tenderness of a dear and affectionate sister. Little wonder now, then, that the pang of separation will be keenly felt. Earthly separations, however, make us think more deeply and fix our aims more earnestly on the happy home wherein such pains or partings are never known. The dead too often seem closer to us than the living, for we can more easily make them sensible of our communion with them when in the abundance of our love for them we pour forth to God the most earnest solicitations of our hearts in their behalf.

The remains were interred in the old cemetery of St. Gregory's parish, by the side of her departed parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Neill.  
The O'Neill family of Buckingham have been the oldest subscribers to the True Witness in this part of the province of Quebec, and we feel that this journal will gladly join with the writer in extending the sincerest sympathy to the bereaved husband and brothers, and will join with all sympathizing friends in praying for the repose of this faithful soul. Requiescat in pace.

### OWEN AN SAGART.

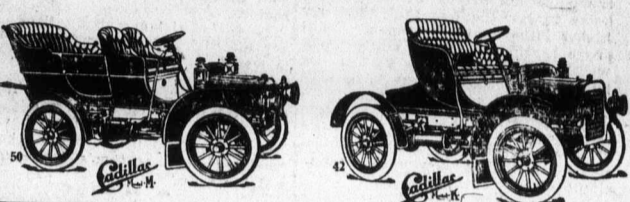
Rev. Luke Callaghan Improving.  
Rev. Father Luke Callaghan, D.D., who was taken suddenly ill last week and removed to a hospital, continues to improve and it is expected that his confinement will be of short duration.

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## Major Fitzpatrick Dead.

Major Rudolph Fitzpatrick, who was at one time private secretary to the late Colonel William R. Roberts, during the Fenian movement in America, died suddenly on August 8, in New York. He was born in Cork in 1847.

At the age of seventeen Fitzpatrick left his home in Cork and went to Rome, where in 1860 he joined the Papal forces, with a number of other adventurous Irishmen. His captain was John J. Coppinger, now a major-general on the retired list of the United States Army, and son-in-law of the late James G. Blaine. After a year's fighting in Italy, young Fitzpatrick was wounded and taken prisoner. He was released, and after travelling about the Continent returned to his home in Cork.

He came to America in 1863 and enlisted in the navy when he was 17 and fought on one of the smaller gunboats along the Atlantic coast. When the war ended he went into the Fenian movement heart and soul. The war had developed many Irishmen into trained soldiers and he was one of the invading force that in June of 1866 set out from Buffalo under Col. O'Neill and had a skirmish with the Queen's Own of the Canadian militia near Ridge-way. Fitzpatrick was O'Neill's aide-de-camp. After the failure of the Fenian movement he went to England and engaged in the tailoring business in Liverpool, where he married in 1875. He lived there ten years and returned to this country. For several years he had been in the real estate business. He was vice-president of the Parnell branch of the United Irish League in New York. He was also secretary of the Veteran Association of the Pontifical Army in that city, of which there are now eight survivors. He was a constant contributor to newspapers and periodicals on behalf of the Irish cause.

He leaves a widow and seven children, the youngest of whom is 7 years old. Two of his children are married, and one is Sister Mary Sylvester of the Franciscan Order. Two sisters in Ireland also survive him.

Touching Scene at St. Vincent de Paul.  
There are at present several vacancies to be filled on the staff of officials of the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, and the number of candidates to fill the positions is, as usual, very large. However, there will probably be many promotions, and it was in this connection that the Hon. Mr. Bureau, Solicitor-General of Quebec, paid a visit to the Penitentiary last week. After hearing the claims of several candidates for promotion and conferring with the Warden, Mr. Beauchamp, the

Solicitor-General went through the different departments, which he found to be in excellent order.

The Minister was recognized by Cazes, the Quebec policeman, sentenced to imprisonment for life for the murder of his wife in 1903. As he passed in front of his cell, the prisoner asked the Solicitor-General to hear him for a moment. When he approached the iron door, Cazes begged of him to have a limit fixed for so much for the length of time as for a certainty that his imprisonment would cease some day, and he might entertain the hope of enjoying liberty once more before his death. Having received a very favorable report on Cazes' conduct, Mr. Bureau told him to have courage and that he would see if anything could be done.

There are at present 385 convicts in the penitentiary, under the charge of a staff of seventy-two officers.

## Adventures of the Catholic Chapel Car.

The Chapel Car St. Anthony, which is making the rounds of the diocese of Wichita, is bringing out many retired fossils whose parents were Catholics. In many places the appointments of the car and its splendid presence of the car and its splendid appointments have attracted them and gradually they have been piled upon the car by the people. In several instances the lockers have been filled with food for the bishop and his attendants.

At Chautauqua the occupants of the chapel car were an unwilling audience for an all night session of a sect known as the Fire Brand Baptists, which has aroused the indignation of the helpless citizens by the continual groaning, praying, exhorting and singing which continues from dark to dawn. This has been the nightly programme for three weeks. On the arrival of the car a boy was on hand to find out if a new evangelist terror was to be foisted upon the already distracted town and seemed much relieved when assured that its occupants worked only in the day time, as the small boy would say, there was "nothin' doin'" in the religious travesty line where the Catholic Church is concerned.

The car has had strange company in its wanderings; among others a traveling minister, company from Wichita to Augusta, the John Robinson shows to Cherryvale and to Coffeyville, and in Chautauqua the Fire Brand Baptists.

Pope Receives Canadian Pilgrims.  
Rome, August 14.—The Pope received a delegation of Canadian pilgrims yesterday, led by Mr. Henry Fitz, petty chamberlain. His Holiness was in good spirits and apparently in perfect health.