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We have no doubt as to the wisdom of this step. The Association will now pay for results and for results only. Encouragement is given to our members to join in the good work. In districts where branches are already formed there should not be a single eligible member whose name is not on the roll of the C. M. B. A. There is encouragement given, too, for members to work up new branches in districts adjacent to their own. Thus, by this plan, the ground should be covered and covered well. But the obligation still remains with Grand officers, and especially Grand Deputies, and with the branch officers, to see to it without delay that concerted and organized work is begun at once. There never was a more favorable time in the history of the Association for the work of organization than the present. And aside from our duty to the Association, and the struggle, unrewarded, we should make for her glory and advancement, there is ample financial recompense offered to induce all our members to labor faithfully, zealously and unceasingly in the interests of the C. M. B. A.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

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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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NOTES

In another column we publish a beautiful sonnet by His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax, the Grand Spiritual Adviser of the C. M. B. A., entitled "The Real Man With the Hoe." The Archbishop's beautiful lines present a full-length portrait of the Christian laborer whose life is sustained by faith, and in the sonnet is that respect in striking contrast with the now famous poem of Mr. Markham, of which it is a suggestion.

ORGANIZERS AND NEW ARRANGEMENT

An important and far reaching step was taken by the Grand Trustees of the C. M. B. A. at their meeting in Montreal. For some time back in the various provinces paid organizers have been employed in the interest of the Association and with varying success. In some districts the plan worked very well, in others it met with practically no results. In the meantime the expenses were creeping up and it became quite evident that on the whole the results did not warrant the outlay. Recently, in Nova Scotia and in the city of Montreal the plan of payment by results had been adopted and the sum of \$1000 was given to the organizer for each member initiated through his efforts.

The Grand Trustees have now determined to make this plan universal throughout the Dominion. Hereafter, then, the sum of \$1000 will be paid through his branch to any brother who secures the initiation of a new member. Thus every member of the Association becomes an organizer and every branch becomes a centre for organiza-



REV. NICHOLAS J. DIXON, P. P.

OBITUARY.

Our esteemed friend, Rev. N. J. Dixon, P. P., recently deceased, has long been known to us in so favorable a way that we have solicited some facts for publication concerning his career. In connection with his portrait on this page which has been loaned to us through the courtesy of The Michigan Catholic will, we are sure, be read with deep regret by those of his chosen calling as well as by his many friends throughout the province. The deceased was Spiritual Adviser of Branch No. 2, C. M. B. A., Kingsbridge, and was at one time a member and Spiritual Adviser of Branch No. 1, Port Lambton.

The death of this well-known priest was mourned with deep regret by his relatives and friends, which sad event took place on Sunday, January 21, just as he was about to celebrate Mass and begin the service of the forty-hours devotion.

Father Dixon was born in Carleton Place, Lanark, on the 14th of February, 1871. He came to Essex in 1877 and settled with his father near Maidstone Cross. Rev. D. Gauthier, P. P., of Maidstone, taking a great interest in him as a little boy, took him and he remained with him for a year and a half. Taking a great interest in the family, Dr. Gauthier sent him to Sandwich College, when he took the degree of Professor. He taught for three years at Sandwich and then entered the Grand Seminary at Montreal, where he completed his education. He was ordained at London by the late Archbishop Walsh, in November, 1883, was assistant to Father McKeown at Bothwell; afterwards he assisted at Windsor and Stratford. He was sent to Port Lambton, where he administered the duties of parish priest for four years. He was afterwards appointed parish priest of Kingsbridge, Ashfield Township, one of the most important parishes in the London diocese. Since his appointment to Ashfield he labored unceasingly for the welfare of his people; early and late he was always at their service. His thoughts were all of his church and people, and his especial pride was his school. The little children idolized him, and many happy hours he spent in their company, both in the school-room and in the church.

A couple of years ago he opened a mission a few miles from Kingsbridge in a village which at one time had been bitterly anti-Catholic. Among the first subscribers to the new church were a couple of Protestant gentlemen in the village. They admired the zealous priest and encouraged him to come among them. This is but one of the many incidents which could be related of good Father Dixon's popularity and success as a priest.

The body of deceased lay in state in the church from Sunday until Wednesday and the funeral was held from the church in which he had served God so well, Wednesday morning, and it is needless to say that the sacred edifice was crowded with heart-broken mourners. Six priests, friends of deceased, acted as pall bearers and seventeen priests in all attended. High Mass Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father McCabe, P. P., of Seaforth, assisted by Rev. Father Hogan, of Mt. Carmel, as deacon, and Rev. Father Ladouceur, of London, as sub-deacon. Rev. Father D. J. Downey, P. P. of Mitchell and Logan, acted as master of ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop McEvay preached the funeral sermon, in which he spoke in feeling terms of this deceased devoted priest. His Lordship said "he was loved by his flock and died as a soldier on the battle field." Tears are of little avail now: all the bereaved ones can do is to pray fervently and teach their little ones also to pray for the happy repose of the soul of him who had always been their friend and counsellor—a friend to the widow and orphan.

"We have loved him in life, let us not forget him in death."

Offended vanity is the great exponent of unharmfulness in the social life.

Two-thirds of human existence seem to be wasted in hesitation, and the last in repenting.

PARENTAL AUTHORITY. — Leo XIII has well said that "parental authority can neither be abolished by the State nor absorbed, for it has the same source as human life itself."—American Herald.



REV. JOHN C. SINNETT  
A POPULAR PRIEST.

An able, popular, generous and warm-hearted priest, in the person of Rev. John C. Sinnett, has gone as Catholic chaplain with the Second Canadian Contingent to South Africa. While Father Sinnett is, perhaps, better known in the Northwest than in Eastern Canada, he is not unknown in Ontario, where he labored for several years after his ordination.

Rev. Father Sinnett was born in 1856 at Ridgetown, Ont., where his relatives still reside. He was educated at the Jesuit College, Fordham, N. Y., and was ordained priest at Three Rivers, Quebec, in 1887.

A short time after his ordination Father Sinnett was stationed at Guelph and had charge of the Rockwood and Ouellet missions in that district. He was removed from Guelph in 1888 to Sault Ste. Marie, where he resided until he was chosen for a place on the teaching staff of St. Boniface College, St. Boniface, Manitoba, about 1890. While residing at St. Boniface Father Sinnett attended Portage la Prairie, Hun's Valley and other missions in Northwestern Manitoba, and during this time he so endeared himself to the people of Portage la Prairie that an urgent effort was made to have him appointed parish priest at that place. He remained at the college, however, until the winter of 1892, when he was placed in charge of the parish of Regina, N. W. T., where, during his residence, he gained the respect and esteem of all classes and creeds. So popular, indeed, had Father Sinnett become at the Territorial Capital that when His Grace Archbishop Langevin intimated that the Rev. Father would be transferred to Portage la Prairie a largely signed petition was forwarded to the Archbishop from Regina, asking that Father Sinnett be allowed to remain at that place. He was, nevertheless, sent to Portage, and during his stay there the parish prospered and the people of Portage district, which included missions to attend, some of which it was necessary to drive sixty or seventy miles across the prairie, quickly learned to deeply love their devoted priest.

Father Sinnett is an earnest, able and eloquent preacher—he was one of the most popular speakers in western Canada—and notwithstanding his very busy life, he found time to lecture and preach from time to time at Brandon, Rat Portage, Winnipeg and other points in Manitoba and across the line in North Dakota.