

1898, Rev. Father McMenamin, P. P., invited all those present to his residence, to partake of an oyster supper, very richly and elaborately prepared for the occasion.

To J. H. Tompkins, President Branch 215, C. M. B. A., Ridgetown, Ont.

We, the members of Branch 215, C. M. B. A., take advantage of this our first regular meeting in 1898 to offer you our best and sincerest wishes for a bright and happy New Year.

We congratulate you also on the very marked success you have achieved in the accomplishment of the several and onerous duties imposed upon you as president of our branch.

In thanking you for all you have done for us in the past, we not only cherish the hope, but we feel assured that the future will be marked by you with the same devotion and happy success.

Signed on behalf of the branch, Rev. D. P. McMenamin, P. P., J. S. DILLIOTT, P. MELLON, M. CAUSGROVE, F. N. DILLIOTT, J. RHODY, and others.

Although altogether taken by surprise, Bro. Tompkins responded in a very happy and most appropriate speech, expressive of his gratitude and heartfelt appreciation.

On motion of Bro. J. S. Muga, seconded by Bro. J. H. Tompkins, a vote of thanks was tendered by the branch to Father McMenamin for his great kindness and hospitality in affording such an evening's pleasure.

PRESENTATION AND ADDRESS.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 81, C. M. B. A., Smith's Falls, Ont., another pleasant incident occurred in the history of the branch. It was the presentation of two beautiful chairs, rare specimens of workmanship and design, to Bros. Delaney and Halpin, for services rendered during the past and as a token of appreciation and friendship.

To the Recording and Financial Secretaries, Patrick Delaney and Daniel Halpin, Branch No. 81, Smith's Falls:

Dear Sirs and Brothers—We your brother members of St. Francis de Sales branch feel that we cannot allow this joyous season to pass without expressing to you our appreciation of your services since the organization of this branch some ten years ago.

To you Bro. Delaney who filled the office of Recording Secretary continuously since then, and to you Bro. Halpin who not only held the same office on previous occasions but also held the responsible positions of President, Chancellor and Delegate to our convention with credit to yourselves and to the entire satisfaction of your brothers, thereby winning for yourselves the esteem of all who came in contact with you.

pray that you may receive your reward of eternal rest in heaven. Signed on behalf of the branch, JAMES REILLY, Chancellor, JOHN McAGHER, JOHN McAGHER, E. GRONDIS, D. C. HEALY, W. J. SUTHERLAND, Committee.

A PLEASANT EVENING AT LOURDES.

An open meeting of Branch No. 279 was held at Lourdes, Saturday evening, 5th ult. It being the occasion of the installation of the officers for the ensuing year, a cordial invitation was extended to Branch 215 and their lady friends, which was kindly accepted.

The following is the programme:

- Opening Remarks—Rev. W. B. McDonald
Song—"Roary O Moore"—Miss Roberts
Address—C. M. B. A.—Rev. R. McDonald
Instrumental Trio—"Bonny Dun"
Songs—"Duke's Cradle Song"—Dan Martin
Speech—Miss R. Savage
Recitation—"Auctioneer Extraordinary"—Miss R. Savage
Graphophone—Sale of the "Red-Haired Girl"—Matthew Mahony

Next on the programme was supper, which was served in an excellent manner by the ladies in charge of that department. Supper over the chairman proposed the toast of "Our Guest," to which Messrs James McGerr and Wm. McCarron, of 218, responded in suitable terms.

AN APPEAL.

To the Members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada:

St. Boniface, Man., Jan. 20, 1898.

Dear Brothers,—For the first time our Branch, No. 230, is compelled to make an appeal to its sister branches in favor of Brother Louis Thomassin, of St. Boniface, Man.

Brother Thomassin is sick for nearly six months; his wife has been sick for about two years, and moreover Brother Thomassin has lost all his savings.

Brother Thomassin is a charter member of our branch; has always been a

true member and a good Catholic, and has always brought forward the interest of our branch, we, therefore, strongly recommend his appeal to the generosity of all the brothers.

As our association is a fraternal one, we hope every member will consider himself in duty bound to assist a brother so cruelly afflicted.

Fraternally yours, J. C. TULLINE, R-c Secretary, President. I, with much pleasure, endorse the above appeal. JOSEPH MESSIER, Spir Adv

JOSEPH LECOMTE, President Branch No. 230, St. Boniface, Man.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The Grand President and Board of Trustees allow the appeal of your branch in favor of Brother Louis Thomassin.

Fraternally yours, S. R. BROWN, Grand Sec. Address all remittances to JOSEPH LECOMTE, President Branch No. 230, St. Boniface, Man.

THE LANGLOIS APPEAL.

Nicolet, Que. January 21th 1898. Sam. R. Brown, Esq., Grand Secretary C. M. B. A. London, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother—Since the day Branch No. 164 of the C. M. B. A. thought it a duty to make an Appeal in my behalf to help me going through days of misfortune and distress, my condition has again been aggravated in a lamentable manner.

Since the 15th December last, out of the 10 members who compose my family, seven of them have been attacked with Scarlet Fever, two being condemned by the physician.

As this disease is very contagious, my residence as well as my tailor shop are considered being in Quarantine, and therefore no one has dared so far to offer the least help to take care of the sick; so that I have been left alone in my sorrow and long night watch, my wife being an invalid.

My tailor shop is also deserted for a long time as people dread the contagion of this hideous disease. The attendance of the physician, remedies, etc. etc. are very dear, and I have no resource to live upon, as my tailor shop is in Quarantine, and even if clients would bring me work I could not attend to it since I am alone to remain at the bed side of my poor ones.

For all these reasons, if all the branches which have not as yet answered to my appeal would do so forthwith they would do thereby an act of christian charity for which they would not fail to be recompensed a hundred-fold. There are over 200 branches which have not voted anything. I therefore humbly claim your influence to help me to reach that end.

Trusting you will grant me this favor in using the medium of THE CANADIAN and thanking you beforehand in my name as well as that of my unfortunate family.

I respectfully remain your humble servant and distressed brother.

Z. A. LANGLOIS, Rec. Sec. Br. 164

- Branch No. 164, Nicolet, Que., acknowledges receipt of the following amounts in answer to the above appeal. Br. 164 Nicolet Que. \$2.00, Br. 81 Smith's Falls, Ont. 1.00, Br. 1 Original, Ont. 1.00, Br. 25 Maniwaki, Que. 1.00, Br. 24 Deseronto, Ont. 2.00, Br. 115 Chespotow, Ont. 1.00, Br. 18 Snyder, Ont. 1.00, Br. 7 Kingston, Ont. 2.00, Br. 21 Tighish, P. E. I. 2.00, Br. 22 Wellington, P. E. I. 1.00

- 10 Ottawa, Ont. 1.00, 11 St. Thomas, Ont. 1.00, 12 London, Ont. 1.00, 13 St. Catharines, Ont. 2.00, 14 Ottawa, Ont. 1.00, 15 Ingersoll, Ont. 1.00, 16 Kemptville, Ont. 1.00, 17 Dublin, Ont. 1.00, 18 Baden, Ont. 1.00, 19 Sandwich, Ont. 1.00, 20 Chatham, Que. 1.00, 21 Belemont, Ont. 1.00, 22 St. Vincent de Paul, Que. 1.00, 23 P. P. du Fort, Que. 1.00, 24 Matigah, Ont. 1.00, 25 Quebec, Que. 1.00, 26 Sudbury, N. S. 1.00, 27 Montreal, Que. 1.00, 28 Arnprior, Ont. 1.00, 29 Waterloo, Que. 1.00, 30 Farnville, Que. 1.00, 31 Owen Sound, Ont. 1.00, 32 Hamilton, Ont. 1.00, 33 Carleton Place, Que. 1.00, 34 Gatham, N. B. 1.00, 35 Woodville, Ont. 1.00, 36 Perth, Ont. 1.00, 37 Stony Point, Ont. 1.00, 38 Georgetown, P. E. I. 1.00, 39 St. John, N. S. 1.00, 40 St. Joseph, N. B. 1.00, 41 St. Alexandre, Que. 1.00, 42 Halifax, N. S. 1.00, 43 St. Germain de Grantham, Que. 1.00, 44 Lindsay, Ont. 1.00, 45 Renfrew, Ont. 1.00, 46 Waterloo, Ont. 1.00, 47 West Publico, N. S. 1.00, 48 Gravelhurst, Ont. 1.00, 49 Brandon, Man. 1.00, 50 Parryville, N. S. 1.00, 51 Grand Falls, N. B. 1.00, 52 Toronto, Ont. 1.00, 53 Valcourt, Que. 1.00, 54 Carleton Place, Ont. 1.00, 55 Dorchester, N. B. 1.00, 56 Antigonish, N. S. 1.00, 57 Winnipeg, Man. 1.00, 58 Charlottetown, P. E. I. 1.00, 59 Sydney, C. B. N. S. 1.00, 60 Galt, Ont. 1.00

P. A. G. I. S., Spiritual Adviser, Branch No. 164, Nicolet Jan 21 1898

THE BAUMCHEN APPEAL.

Branch No. 164, Baden, Ont., acknowledges receipt of the following amounts in answer to the above appeal.

- Br. 164 Baden, Ont. \$2.00, Br. 1 Berlin, Ont. 1.00, Br. 1 Dorchester, N. B. 1.00, Br. 1 London, Ont. 1.00, Br. 11 Antigonish, Que. 1.00, Br. 12 Snyder, Ont. 1.00, Br. 13 Cassidy, N. W. T. 1.00, Br. 14 Toronto, Ont. 1.00, Br. 15 Plattagenet, Ont. 1.00, Br. 16 St. Thomas, Ont. 1.00, Br. 17 Kingston, Ont. 1.00, Br. 18 St. John, N. B. 1.00, Br. 19 Galt, Ont. 1.00, Br. 20 West Publico, N. S. 1.00, Br. 21 Chespotow, Ont. 1.00, Br. 22 St. Alexandre, Que. 1.00, Br. 23 Arnprior, Ont. 1.00, Br. 24 St. Catharines, Ont. 1.00, Br. 25 Montreal, Que. 1.00, Br. 26 Guelph, Ont. 1.00, Br. 27 Fraserville, Que. 1.00, Br. 28 Dublin, Ont. 1.00, Br. 29 Fairville, N. B. 1.00, Br. 30 Levis, Que. 1.00, Br. 31 Stratford, Ont. 1.00, Br. 32 Louisville, Que. 1.00, Br. 33 Joliette, Que. 1.00, Br. 34 Lower E. Publico, N. S. 1.00, Br. 35 Joliette, Que. 1.00, Br. 36 Brandon, Man. 1.00, Br. 37 Windsor, Ont. 1.00, Br. 38 Rock Island, Que. 1.00, Br. 39 Tecumseh, Ont. 1.00, Br. 40 Calumet Island, Que. 1.00, Br. 41 Eglin, Ont. 1.00, Br. 42 Lindsay, Ont. 1.00, Br. 43 Sheenboro, Que. 1.00, Br. 44 Valcourt, Que. 1.00, Br. 45 Charlottetown, P. E. I. 1.00, Br. 46 Badulph, Ont. 1.00, Br. 47 Winnipeg, Man. 1.00, Br. 48 Hamilton, Ont. 1.00, Br. 49 Galt, Ont. 1.00, Br. 50 Gatham, N. B. 1.00, Br. 51 Kinkora, Ont. 1.00, Br. 52 Antigonish, N. S. 1.00, Br. 53 Montreal, Que. 1.00, Br. 54 West Publico, N. S. 1.00, Br. 55 Waterloo, Ont. 1.00, Br. 56 Carleton, Ont. 1.00, Br. 57 Leberbrock, Ont. 1.00, Br. 58 Wellington, P. E. I. 1.00, Br. 59 St. John, N. S. 1.00, Br. 60 St. Joseph, N. B. 1.00, Br. 61 Sealton, Ont. 1.00, Br. 62 Pembroke, Ont. 1.00, Br. 63 St. Vincent de Paul, Que. 1.00, Br. 64 Quebec, Que. 1.00, Br. 65 Belle River, Ont. 1.00, Br. 66 Galt, N. S. 1.00, Br. 67 Ingersoll, Ont. 1.00, Br. 68 Ottawa, Ont. 1.00, Br. 69 Halifax, N. S. 1.00, Br. 70 Petrolia, Ont. 1.00, Br. 71 St. Joseph, Man. 1.00, Br. 72 Sydney, N. S. 1.00, Br. 73 Fredericton, N. B. 1.00, Br. 74 Brockville, Ont. 1.00, Br. 75 Halifax, N. S. 1.00, Br. 76 Thorold, Ont. 1.00, Br. 77 Leithbridge, N. W. T. 1.00, Br. 78 Yarmouth, N. S. 1.00