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OUR DECEASED BROTHERS.

Next month, November, when the Church especially recommends the departed souls to the devotion of the faithful, it would be a beautiful charitable, and highly profitable act if each of our C. M. B. A. Branches in Canada would have a Mass offered for the souls of our departed brothers, who may be now crying out to us "Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you my friends, because the hand of the Lord hath touched me."

Purgatory is a marvel of God's forbearing mercy towards men: by it God gives us new chances when we forfeit the earlier ones.

We are bound to help all our brethren according to their needs and our abilities. Let us, C. M. B. A. men, then help our dear deceased brothers by the most powerful of all means at our command, viz., by having offered up for them the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us never forget that our turn must come and how soon we know not.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The nominations for officers of branches of the C. M. B. A. of Canada for the ensuing term must be made at the last regular meeting of branches in November.

The elections shall take place at the first meeting of branches in December.

The nominating and the electing of representatives and alternates to the Grand Council Convention of 1901 shall take place at the regular nominations and elections of branches in November and December this year, 1900.

In order to understand this part of

our work, branch officers will please read Sections 163, 165, 166, 167, 168 and 169 of the Constitution.

No member should accept nomination for the office of Financial Secretary, or Treasurer unless he is willing to be under a guarantee bond in compliance with Sections 170, 177 and 181 of the Constitution.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

Re-opening of the Ottawa Normal School - Presentations to Brother MacCabe.

Just twenty-five years ago Saturday, Sept. 17, the Ottawa Normal School was officially declared open by the lieutenant-governor of Ontario, at that time Hon. D. A. Macdonald. Dr. MacCabe was the first principal of the school, and has ever since occupied that important position, with credit to himself and marked benefit not only to this institution, but to the advance of education throughout Canada, during which time, too, more than 5,000 students have passed through the course here. Most of these have themselves become teachers throughout this continent, and it is estimated that the influence of Dr. MacCabe has thus directly and indirectly been felt by at least 200,000 of the pupils educated in the schools of Canada.

At the re-opening on Saturday, among those present were: Hon. George W. Ross, premier of Ontario; Hon. F. R. Latchford; Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state, who was instrumental in establishing the school; Rev. H. A. Constantineau, rector, Ottawa University, and a number of other distinguished men.

The students at present attending took the opportunity of presenting Dr. MacCabe with a useful travelling companion and an address, expressing their recognition of the privilege of being the class during such an important term of the school, and wishing a continuation of his success to their principal. The Grey Nuns presented a silver inkstand in recognition of service rendered their educational work by Dr. MacCabe.

The ex-pupils presented a gold watch, through the first student enrolled, on the lists of the school, Mrs E. A. Stevens, wife of the principal of the Manning avenue school, Toronto.

In connection with the event a number of pleasant speeches were made. Principal Merchant, of the London Normal School, in the course of his remarks, said graduates of the Ottawa Normal School had proved practical, progressive and successful teachers, and loyal to their school. It was impossible to measure the influence which Dr. MacCabe exercised through the teachers trained under him, and through these teachers also over their pupils throughout Canada and the west, and he hoped that Dr. MacCabe was not at the end of his career, but

hoped for twenty five years more of usefulness for him.

Hon. George W. Ross, premier of Ontario, referred to the important place occupied in our educational system by normal schools, and to the beneficial work of Dr. MacCabe, whom he described as one of our leading educationists.

"During my term as minister of education in Ontario," said he, "I used to make semi annual pilgrimages east to look after Mr. MacCabe and his staff, and during that time I hardly knew of a jar in the workings of the school." He hoped Dr. MacCabe might live to celebrate his semi centennial at the school, describing him as an Irish jewel, polished and sublimated in the Canadian atmosphere, until to-day his value is above par.

In the evening, at a conversazione, Hon. George W. Ross again addressed those present, and referred to the first establishment of the normal school at Ottawa.

Dr. MacCabe is a Grand Chancellor of the C. M. B. A., and one of our best known members. We congratulate Brother MacCabe and wish him many more years of usefulness in his noble calling.

PRESENTATION TO FATHER CAREY.

Before leaving the parish of Brewer's Mills, Rev. Father Carey was presented with addresses by the congregation, C. M. B. A. and the League of the Sacred Heart, accompanied with gifts. The congregation gave him a well filled purse, the C. M. B. A. and the League of the Sacred Heart, a clock. Sunday the 2nd, being his last Sunday in the mission, at the end of the Mass the following address was read by M. Shortall:

To the Rev. Thomas Carey, F. P., Brewer's Mills:

Rev. and Dear Father—It is with feelings of the most intense sorrow and grief of mind that we, your former parishioners, gather around you to-day on the eve of your departure from among us, to bid you a fond good bye.

For over seven years you have been the zealous pastor, the kind Father and the faithful friend of the people of the mission. And during those years of toil, care and anxiety, your spirit of labor, of self-sacrifice and untiring zeal have made you the idol of your people.

Ever attentive to our spiritual wants, never sparing yourself even when in a delicate state of health, always ready to break the bread of life to your flock, ever anxious to lead into the minds of our children the instruction necessary for the cultivation of virtue, the formation of their character and the moulding of their precious lives in accordance with the precepts and maxims of Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of God." Surely we could not but learn to love and respect you as a man of truly Apostolic Spirit, and it is little wonder that as we gather around you for the last time to-day our hearts are sorely afflicted.

Since your appointment here what a change has taken place in the parish! Under your care the Christian Doctrine Society has been re-organized. The association of the League of the Sacred Heart, of which all the people of the mission, young and old, men and women, have become members, has been established. Beautiful pieces of statuary, most artistic in design, have been placed in our church. A flourishing branch of the C. M. B. A. founded, and, lastly, a beautiful and commodious presbytery, by far the finest and the most complete and best equipped in the Arch-diocese of Kingston, has been built. All these things done, and nearly paid for, awaken the gratitude and excite the admiration of all. These improvements for the material as well as the spiritual advancement of the mission stand out conspicuously as monuments of the zeal, prudence and piety, with which you have governed your people for the past seven years, and will undoubtedly keep your name and your memory in benediction among us for ages to come.

We know full well that it is the faithful discharge of the duties of your exalted state that is taking you from among us. The illustrious Archbishop of Kingston realized this nearly a

year ago when here on his pastoral visitation, and when the opportunity presented itself he has rewarded your generous and self-sacrificing spirit by promoting you to a wider field of labor in the important parish of Kingston.

In conclusion we wish you dear Father, many years of strength and vigor to continue your usefulness in the Church of God, and we shall earnestly pray that your labors and efforts for His honor and glory, the salvation of souls and the improvement of the parish of Kingston, will have the same blessing from on High and the same success as they have had in the mission and with the people whom you are about to leave.

We ask you to accept this purse as a small token of our gratitude towards you and of our appreciation of the many favors of which we have been the recipients during the seven years of your pastorate in Brewer's Mills.

Signed for the congregation, Sylvester Sidley, J. P. Murphy, James Webb, Terence Donnelly, P. McKenna, Storrington, T. J. Shortall, M. Shortall.

Rev. Father Carey replied as follows:

He said he had to thank the congregation to-day not only for the kind and good things which they are pleased to say about him, but also for the substantial present which they were kind enough to give him when leaving the parish.

He said he had spent seven years among them, probably the best portion of his life, and during that time owing to the kind cooperation of the members of the congregation in everything pertaining to the good of religion things went on well and satisfactorily. It was owing to this fact that the works and improvements which they mentioned in the beautiful address and which they were good enough to attribute to him, were begun and completed, and not only that, but were highly paid for.

He said that the building and furnishing of the presbytery, the church and house, and the articles procured for the church involved an outlay of several thousand dollars. Nevertheless, owing to the kindness and generosity of friends and benefactors, and the kind and active cooperation of the people, the debt was only something a little over \$200. He said he was assured that the Almighty would bless all who, out of whatever substance they possess, let that be great or small, contribute cheerfully according to their means to the proper keeping of the church and everything connected with it.

During the seven years of Father Carey's pastorate at Brewer's Mills he had made many improvements and was most active in furthering the interests of his good people in that Mission. He had expended about \$35,000 on these improvements and leaves the mission with only a debt of \$200, fully provided for.

C. M. B. A. PRESENTATION.

On the eve of Chancellor John P. Brennan's departure from Alberton to reside in Sydney, the members of Branch 214 and others presented him with an address and a beautiful gold-headed cane. The presentation took place after Vespers on Sunday, August 27th, in the Parochial house, in the presence of His Lordship Bishop MacDonald and Rev. Drs. Cateson and Murphy.

The address, which is as follows, was read by Rev. A. E. Burke.—

To Chancellor John P. Brennan, Branch 214, of the C. M. B. A., of Canada:

Dear Sir and Brother.—The members of Branch 214 cannot allow you to remove from their midst without protesting to you the deep regret they feel that you are not likely to be much longer as active a branch member as you have been in the past, owing to the fact that you are removing to another province. Since the inception of this branch, the mother of all the branches of the province, you have been in the true sense of the word an enthusiastic, hard-working and truly devoted member. At the start you generously shared the labors which fall upon a charter member of a new and untried Association, and, ever since, you have taken pleasure in assisting at every possible meeting, and in and out of the Branch Hall have done your utmost to make our Grand Association live and prosper. To your initiative, too, has the number of members in many other branches in our Province been increased and strengthened. Whether as Chancellor, President, Vice-President or Treasurer, you have fulfilled your duties to the satisfaction of all, and at the last convention you represented us with credit to yourself and those whose mandates you held. We only regret that your business relations elsewhere call you from our midst now and deprive us and the whole community in which we live and which you have materially benefited by your presence, but we hope you will find time to come back to our councils often, or if this be too much to expect that at least you will come back some times, and when absent from here in the new sphere of your activity that you will labor as unselfishly for the spread and maintenance of the C. M. B. A. principles as you have in all those years of our existence as a branch here.