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C. M. B. A. PROGRESS

The month of April has witnessed a remarkable revival in the interests of the C. M. B. A. Not in many years of the Association's history have there combined so many elements that make for success.

The growth numerically of the Association during this month has been most satisfactory. It has exceeded our best returns for many years, and has given an impetus that will have an influence on the society for some time to come. And this great increase has taken place in districts where, numerically, the Catholic people are comparatively few, but where the faith in the C. M. B. A. is proportionately great.

The brother C. M. B. A. members in these localities deserve the earnest commendation of every well-wisher of our noble organization. The example they have set is a most precious one, and we have no doubt but that the grandest consequences will follow. When a small town like Deseronto, Ont., can add fifty members to the C. M. B. A. in one month, what, may we ask, could the same energy, the same enthusiasm, the same love for the association, accomplish where the possibilities are infinitely greater?

It is not in members alone that the C. M. B. A. has grown in the regions indicated. It required no small sacrifice on the part of those engaged in this onward movement to bring about such glorious results.

And this abiding faith in the C. M. B. A., in its history and traditions, in its heritage of great deeds, and its magnificent future, all these inestimable qualities have been transmitted to the entire community, till the mystic letters C. M. B. A. are on every tongue and the glories of the Association are told at every fireside.

This is the spirit and this the work that cannot fail of success.

But above and beyond all has the spirit of fraternity and love found their abiding place in the branches that have been born anew into the beautiful regions of the C. M. B. A. Not alone now does one learn of

the insurance benefits of the Association, and all the good that follows therein. But the broader, more elevating, more edifying qualities of brotherly affection, mutual forbearance and assistance, devotion to the Catholic faith, strict adherence to her teachings and commands—all these elevating influences have found an abiding resting place in the homes of the C. M. B. A.

So to the branches all over this Dominion we say: "Now is the acceptable time." Let new hopes, new aspirations, new resolute, come to all. Let the light thus kindled burn on till its reflection may be seen where ere the C. M. B. A. dwells, that, being witnessed, it may kindle in the hearts of all of us the fire of enthusiastic love for the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

Council, Bishop Moran appointed Father Gauthier to the parish of Gananoque, his first parish, which included Howe Island, Brewer's Mills, and Lansdowne. While in this charge he added new churches and greatly improved the old ones. In January, 1875, he was transferred to Westport, but on the appointment of Father John O'Brien as Bishop of Kingston, he was the same year appointed to Williamstown, where his educational experience did him good service. As in Gananoque, his record for progress in religion and church building received well-deserved praise. After a pastorate of eleven years, he has wiped out a large debt and left over \$20,000 for his successor to proceed with. At Glonnevis he built a \$15,000 church. In 1880, he was appointed to the parish of



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The Most Rev. Charles Hugh Gauthier is the second Archbishop and seventh ruler of the Diocese of Kingston. He was born on the 13th of November, 1817, in the parish of Alexandria, in the historic County of Glengarry. He entered Regiopolls College in 1833, and in 1836 he graduated with the highest honors. He was afterwards appointed Professor of Rhetoric in Regiopolls. Having completed his course in theology, he was ordained priest in the Church of St. John the Baptist, at Perth, on Aug. 21, 1837, by the Right Rev. Edward John Moran. Soon after his ordination he was appointed Director of Regiopolls College. In 1839, before leaving for the Vatican

Brockville; he was promoted to the dignity of Dean, and on August 17, 1891, Archbishop Cleary appointed him Vicar-General of the Diocese. On the evening of Saturday, August 27th, 1895, he received the Papal Bull appointing him Archbishop of Kingston.

His Grace Archbishop Gauthier is a member of the C. M. B. A., having joined Branch 43, Brockville, on May 7th, 1889.

Regarding Dominion legislation pertaining to Fraternal Insurance Associations, we are advised that the Act is not obligatory upon the C. M. B. A., but merely optional. We have the right to take advantage of the Act if we choose, but we cannot be forced to do so.

DEATH OF BROTHER HICKEY.

Supreme Recorder of the C. M. B. A.
of the United States.

Our C. M. B. A. members throughout Canada are grieved to hear of the death of Bro. C. J. Hickey, Supreme Recorder of the Association in the United States. Mr. Hickey was an efficient and faithful officer and one of the most zealous and enthusiastic workers in the C. M. B. A. cause. His name will forever be prominent in the history of the Association he labored so hard for.

Cornelius J. Hickey was born in Ireland forty five years ago. He arrived in America in early manhood, and made an humble beginning; no kind of honest labor was beneath him. His first employment in this country was on the track of the Erie Railway at Allegany, N. Y. Later he learned telegraphy and arose to the position of station agent of the Erie at Allegany, which position he resigned when he became interested in the drilling of oil wells in the oil country of south western New York.

Mr. Hickey was one of the first to grasp the possibilities of the C. M. B. A., and it was inevitable that when a man of his calibre joined the Association he would at once rise to a commanding position in its councils. He was elected Supreme Recorder at Niagara Falls in 1879, and re-elected continuously at each succeeding convention. Twenty years he held that most important office and wisely guided the young and growing Association which was always nearest his heart until it grew strong, and took and held for years the foremost place in the fraternal organizations of this country.

The Supreme Recorder was one of the earliest, most forcible and logical advocates of the Reserve Fund.

At an early age Mr. Hickey took an active interest in politics, and before he had reached his thirtieth year had served several terms as a supervisor of his town in Cattaraugus county, being at one time the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and its youngest member.

In the early portion of President Cleveland's first term, Mr. Hickey received the appointment of chief of the seized and unclaimed goods department of the U. S. Custom House in New York City, and served with much success through the different administrations up to the day of his death.

If there was one thing more than another for which Mr. Hickey was distinguished, it was for his big heartedness and genial, broad mind. He had no enemies and more friends than it is usually given to man to claim. It is safe to say that not one of those friends will fail to breathe a prayer for the repose of his soul.

Mr. Hickey leaves a wife and three children. The death of his son a year ago was a hard blow to this devoted father, and he never ceased to grieve over the boy's loss.

The death of Supreme Recorder Hickey took place on Monday, April 17th. His place will be very hard to fill. *Requiescat in Pace.*

While Benjamin Franklin was receiving his first lessons in electricity from Dr. Spence, Father Procopius Dlwish, a priest in Bohemia, had already established the identity of lightning to electricity and had invented the lightning-rod.