

C. M. B. A. NOTES.

Amherburg, March 20th, 1881. S. R. Dominick, Grand Recorder C. M. B. A. Dominion of Canada. My Dear Sir and Bro.—I recur to subject of why the C. M. B. A. has been almost stationary up to the present time.

I apprehend that there are a number of reasons which if discussed in harmony by those of its members who take a lively interest in the spread of the association it would tend to awaken a feeling of curiosity among Catholics out of the Association to know more about it.

Therefore I will start out with the proposition that the C. M. B. A. is a Catholic Society sought to be instituted for the special benefit of Catholics. Its promoters appear to have had in view in establishing the C. M. B. A. to erect an Association upon so solid a Catholic basis that the ecclesiastical authorities could not reasonably raise any objection to the organization.

It is a question if they succeeded in this, but it matters not, as I feel certain these intentions were good, or they would not have given the Catholic clergy such power and authority in shaping the work of the organization if they would only avail themselves of the provisions of the Constitution for doing so.

Now so long as a society is willing to place the Parish Priest at the head of its Branch, and the Bishop at the head of its higher Councils, what sure evidence is required of the intention of its members to be submissive to the Church and her decrees.

Let us not for a moment lose sight of the aims and objects of the C. M. B. A. A certain fixed aim to the surviving wife and children, or to any person designated in the Beneficiary certificate of the deceased, this to be acquired during the lifetime of the member by constant and faithful adherence to certain rules requiring certain specific payments to be made at certain times. The failure to meet these engagements works the forfeiture of membership and consequent loss of benefits.

This is the principal feature, in short the prompt payment of one dollar and ten cents paid at each demand entitles each member to bequeath to his survivors the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.

In connection with this principal feature there are many others of less money value but of greater value as Christian virtues. Each member must be a true practical Catholic; he must make his Easter duty, and may be expelled from the Society if found guilty of any public scandal or impropriety contrary to Catholic faith or morals. Expiration deprives the party expelled from all benefits and delays his entrance into the organization, or very seriously restricts it.

Members are conscientiously bound to assist each other in distress, and to see after and care for the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, and assist them in the best of their ability according to the dictates of Catholic charity.

Furthermore, they should foster Catholic education, and the spread of good Catholic literature, and discountenance and prevent as far as possible the reading and circulation of novels, and newspapers and immoral literature. These are objects which every priest works hard to attain, therefore it would seem that if these facts could be sufficiently brought to the notice of Catholics the best and most zealous would eagerly desire to belong to such an organization, for the sake of the many spiritual and corporal works of mercy which are strictly enjoined by the church to be performed by all who desire to be obedient to the examples and teachings of our Saviour.

Now if the Parish Priest has objections to taking an active part in the establishment of a Branch in his Parish, it would then require one or two energetic Catholics who would take the work in hand; they would of course obtain the consent of the Priest to begin with, they would then obtain all the information possible about the C. M. B. A., and either proceed privately among the members of the parish until they had enough to form a branch or call a meeting of all who would be willing to attend. If enough names are obtained, then apply to the Medical Examination, send for a Grand Deputy and organize; once in working order, the Branch will grow.

I am inclined to think that we are far too selfish. It is the tendency of the unbelonging world around us to belong to such an organization, it starts with fifteen charter members, all first-class men.

We expect shortly to start branches in St. Catharines, Dundas, and Wallaceburg. The Supreme Council gave the highest praise to the Canada Grand Council for the very efficient manner in which the business of said Grand Council was conducted during the past term. This is certainly encouraging. Let us always elect men of ability and energy to fill important offices.

The Canada Grand Council had but one representative among, this session of Supreme Convention although two were appointed. Officers organizing two branches should give full instructions to the officers of said branches, as to their duty in connection with quarterly reports, "membership reports," assessments, etc., etc., and not put the Grand Recorder to the trouble of writing full explanations on those matters to every new branch. Let each officer discharge properly the duty assigned him, and then the burden will not fall on any one person.

We are of the opinion that C. M. B. A. Branches will not increase very rapidly under our present system. As a fund is now to be formed for the purpose of defraying expenses in connection with instituting new branches, we think a special deputy should be appointed by our Grand Council, whose sole work should be to call meetings in the various cities and towns, explain C. M. B. A. matters, organize branches, install officers, instruct them in their duties, and occasion to visit each branch to see that the work is done in a proper manner. Under such a system we might reasonably expect to have, ere long, a sufficient membership in Canada to form a separate beneficiary.

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Some of the members of C. M. B. A. are also members of other time, while others are exceedingly liberal.

It will require generous hearts and unselfish motives to make the C. M. B. A. the success it ought to be.

Truly and fraternally,
H. W. DEARB.

On the evening of 24th inst., the members of Branch No. 1, Windsor, presented Mr. T. A. Bourke, Grand Council President, with a gold-headed cane, accompanied by an address, as a mark of the high esteem in which Mr. Bourke is held by the members of his branch, and to show their appreciation of his services in the C. M. B. A. cause, and the position he holds in the Supreme and Grand Councils. The address was read by the President of Windsor Branch, Mr. J. E. Connelly, and the cane presented by Mr. F. Clary. A number of brother members from the branches in Detroit were present. Mr. Bourke was agreeably surprised and made a suitable reply.

At the late Supreme Council Convention, considerable changes were made in the Constitution and Ritual of the Association. Branches will be informed of said changes as soon as receive notice from proper authority. We have not been informed when said changes are to come into effect. We think that on account of so many alterations having been made in our Constitution and regulations, the Supreme Council should issue printed circulars in Detroit, full particulars of the revised constitution and rituals as soon as possible; our present constitution is now of very little use as a guide.

SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING TERM.

President—J. T. Keena, Detroit, Mich.
1st Vice-Pres.—W. Shields, Corry, Penn.
2nd Vice.—T. A. Bourke, Windsor, Ont.

Treasurer—C. J. Hickey, Alleghany, N. Y.
Recorder—P. Walsh, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Guard—H. F. S. Abertstadt, Mich.
Trustees—New members—R. Mulholland, Dunkirk, C. Franklin, Buffalo, Jno. Clifford, Niagara Falls.

The following are the appointments on Committees by Supreme President:—
Deputies—New York, F. J. Reister; Pennsylvania, C. B. Friedman; Michigan, John A. Hickey; Ontario, T. A. Bourke.

Law and Order—Superintendent—C. Drescher, J. A. Landring, E. J. Reister, Finance and Mitigation—J. M. Walsh, C. B. Friedman, M. C. Dunnegan.

Returns and Credentials—J. A. Landring, F. Reynolds, H. T. S. Abertstadt. Appeals and Grievances—J. L. M. Garry, W. Franklin, J. Martin.

Printing and Supplies—E. J. Reister, R. Mulholland, S. Geyer.

Among the resolutions adopted by Supreme Council were the following:—
The initiation fee for all ages to be \$3.00. The following graded scale of payments for beneficiary assessments:—

From 18 years to 25 years of age 65 cts.
" 25 " 30 " " 80 cts.
" 30 " 35 " " \$1.00
" 35 " 40 " " 1.25
" 40 " 45 " " 1.40
" 45 " 50 " " 1.65

All members, already in the association, in good standing, under 35 years of age, shall be entered in classes according to their ages, and all members over 35 years shall pay \$1.10 as at present.

The per capita list from branches to Grand Council to be 75 cents, and from Grand Councils to Supreme Council, 30 percent of amount received from branches.

The President and board of trustees shall appoint medical examiners for branches, and the Grand Council shall appoint a general medical examiner. When a branch examiner examines an applicant, he at once sends the certificate and sends it to the General Examiner, and if he approves of it, he sends it to the Grand Recorder, who retains medical certificate on file, and notifies the branch of the acceptance of applicant physically; the branch then proceeds as at present.

Grand Council Conventions shall hereafter be held on the 2nd Tuesday in August; and Supreme Council Conventions on the 2nd Tuesday in September.

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port" and initiation tax for the quarter ending March 21st; we cannot furnish our Grand Council report until we have the returns from all the branches; there can be no reasonable excuse for delay in this respect.

Beneficiary certificates are obtained the same as all other C. M. B. A. supplies. When ordered, they are sent by the Grand Recorder to Recording Secretaries, who "fill them out" before giving them to the members.

SAMUEL R. BROWN,
Grand Recorder.

BRANTFORD LETTER.

On Wednesday and Thursday of last week the Rev. Fathers, Miller and McCormack, of Toronto, were in the city, assisting our pastor in hearing confessions. During their stay a very large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity offered, and complied with their Easter obligation. On Wednesday evening, at the usual Lenten services, Father Miller delivered an instructive and interesting sermon on the death of Christ. He illustrated his subject by drawing striking parallels between the deluge, which occurred about two thousand years after the creation of the earth, and the redemption of man, two thousand years after the deluge. In the first instance, the sins of men were the cause of the destruction of almost all living things; in the second again was the reason that so great a sacrifice should be made that man might be redeemed. The figure was carried through the sermon, ably and aptly, the sermon throughout being listened to with the greatest attention by the very large congregation assembled.

I must have omitted to give you the names of those who took part in the taking of the 17th. Miss Bridget Gilmarin was Mary Stuart, and Susie Schirer, Winno Kow, Julia Early, and Teresa Dunne, were the four Scottish Marys who accompanied her to France. In the second scene, besides the above, Edward Savage, William McCormick, Joseph Harrington and Bernard Rouan, figured as French courtiers. Lucy Kew and Mary Ann Cahill recited the poem admirably.

The Young Men's Debating Society, which has been adjourned for the summer months, after having held some very interesting meetings.

The enquiry into the charges against the Principal of the Blind Institute here has been adjourned to the 17th. The matter has been on hand now that nearly everybody has expressed an opinion. Most of the Ontario newspapers have spoken on the subject also. In the vast majority of cases the feeling seems to prevail that it was no anxiety about the efficiency of the institution which prompted the parties who made the charges. People here are looking with interest for the conclusion and report.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Advertisements at Victoria, B. C., call for 2,000 men for the railway work, at \$1.50 and 1.75 a day.

The Belleville Street Railway plant and the rails have been sold to parties in Winnipeg, and will be removed to that city.

Mr. Herbert Greaves, of Belleville, was bitten on the hand Wednesday evening by a pet spaniel. The wound is considered dangerous.

Daniel Brown, a farmer, near Eastwood, had three horses fatally gored by a bull on Friday last. They were by large in the barnyard together at the time.

Mr. Jacob Hoesler, of Hoesler, an old gentleman of 70, was stricken down and died immediately of apoplexy on Tuesday. He was the founder of the village.

Mr. T. Corey has struck oil on lot I, concession I, Township of Sarnia, near the Rainywell, at 440 feet. The well is pumping 20 barrels a day steadily.

A young man named Hamilton, on his road home from the Michigan lumberwoods, claims to have been drugged and robbed of \$120 at Kingston.

DROPPED DEAD.—John Dunlop, who said to have friends in Canada, dropped dead in the hallway of the Hovey House East Saginaw, on March 21st.

Mr. P. Gleason of Petrolia, who has for some time been seriously ill with lung affection is, we are pleased to learn, recovering again.

On March 22nd a fire broke out in the flax mill of Mr. John Beattie, Seaford, and burned with such rapidity that nothing could be saved. Loss about \$2,000.

Mr. Josiah Thompson, while visiting his brother at Peterboro on Sunday, March 20th, dropped dead. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

The bank robbers, Jones and Donohue, who are charged with robbing the Montreal bank, St. Thomas, have been sent for trial.

It is said that Rev. P. Keen, of Toronto Gore, in the county of Peel, and Rev. A. Mulen, of Schomberg, are shortly to be appointed assistants to Rev. Father Laurent, at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto.

An attempt was made to murder an infant on Bloor Street, Toronto, but a street car conductor hearing the moaning of the child rescued it. The police are hunting for the unnatural parents.

Ingersoll, March 28.—Mr. Leonard Purcell was found dead in his bed about four o'clock this morning. He was quite cold and had been dead for some hours.

STUBBEN DIED.—A man named McKay, who lived in the neighborhood of this city, was taken suddenly ill at Stafford's Hotel, Bismark, and died inside of a few hours.

James Strachan, of Victoria, B. C., merchant, cast himself into the sea on Thursday and was drowned. Business reverses are supposed to have caused the rash act.

LEGAL.—At the Chancery Sittings at Simcoe last Thursday, Mr. Hugh McMahon, Q. C., succeeded in getting the bill dismissed in the case of Misener vs. McMahon. The case was a very important one.

ACCIDENT.—A G. W. R. brakeman named Tide belonging to this city, had one of his hands badly smashed while coupling cars in Woodstock last Thursday. He was brought home and placed under surgical treatment.

A lamatic named George Coy on Wednesday attempted to wreck a passenger train on the I. C. R. by placing a rail across the track, at St. John, N. B. Luckily the circumstance was discovered in time to avoid disaster. Coy was captured and sent to the asylum.

Robert Anderson, aged 14, son of Mr. David Anderson, residing a few miles from Lucknow, while chopping wood last Wednesday, was instantly killed by a stump of a tree he had felled falling on him.

On Tuesday, March 22nd, the body of an unknown man was found near the Great Western railway track a couple of miles from Toronto. It is thought he fell from a train. The body is that of a young man about 22 years of age.

The relatives of Connor, the C. S. R. brakeman at St. Thomas who died a short time ago from injuries received in the yard at Amherburg have instituted an action for \$10,000 damages against the company.

An accident which resulted fatally occurred at Paris last Wednesday morning. A man named Wm. Allchin attempted to drive over the railway crossing as a train was approaching, and was killed.

On Tuesday last week a little five year old girl of Mr. Harry Sheldon, of St. Thomas, fell out of bed upon the floor, and in the fall broke her collar bone. Medical aid was procured and the little sufferer's injuries attended to.

On Saturday morning a fire broke out in the cellar of J. J. Coulombe drug store, Toronto. The place was full of benzine and other oils and only for the prompt action of the fire brigade the damage would be very heavy.

A fatal accident happened at Bellefleur, Ontario, on Tuesday. A young man named Heide was having a gun, when it was accidentally discharged, the contents passing through his right lung and into his shoulder. He lived about twelve hours.

Land has again taken an upward turn in and around Clandeboye. Mr. Patrick Fogarty was recently offered \$5,500 for his 100 acre farm on the 2nd concession of Clandeboye, by Mr. Thos. Lewis. He holds it at \$9,000.

On Thursday afternoon two young men, Andrew and Robt. Dunlop, aged 24 and 16 years, and residing on lot 4, 14th concession, Medonte, were engaged in chopping, both at the same time. In falling the tree glanced and fell, killing Robt. instantly, and seriously injuring Andrew.

On Friday afternoon a man giving the name of H. Corbett, when near St. Ignace suddenly sprang from one of the cars of the Intercolonial Railway. The train was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour. The conductor ran the train back but no trace of the man could be found.

On Monday night, 14th inst., Harry Robb, a switchman on the G. T. R. at Port Huron, caught his foot in a frog and before he could extricate it was run over by a car. His right leg was so shattered that he had to have it amputated near the thigh. He is about 20 years old and resided in St. James.

Mr. James McMahon of Clandeboye, has just sold his farm of 100 acres on the 16th concession of London, adjacent to the Biddulph, for \$5,500. The purchaser is Mr. Findlay McLean, of Tennessee, who after taking a survey of this country, concluded that it was ahead of that State and a desirable land to live in. He intends using it as a stock farm.

A telegram received from Stratford on March 22nd says: It is reported upon the streets this morning that A. Barnham, a resident of this city, had committed suicide while on a visit to some friends at Tavistock. Upon enquiring at the office of Coroner Hyde, we found that the report was true, that he had taken two ounces of carbolic acid at the office or residence of Dr. Ross. The Coroner refused to hold an inquest.

An unknown man, aged 30 or 35, was found in an unconscious state in an out-house on St. Mark's on Wednesday morning. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but was of no avail, as he died at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. From a letter found in his possession it is supposed his name is Julian or Julius Robinson, and is apparently a railroad man; dark hair and eyes, weather-beaten skin, clean-shaven and about five feet ten inches in height.

LOCAL NEWS.

John Pudgeon was committed at Toronto last Thursday for attempting to break into a Grand Trunk bonded car.

A man named Charles Shipley was sent to the Toronto jail for six months for beating his mother, who is 80 years old.

A man named Joseph Paddon was choked to death while eating a piece of beef at the Sturgeon House, Kingston, on Friday last. He was 61 years of age.

ACCIDENT.—A young man named West, while working at a machine in the Ontario Car Works, got one of his hands caught in the machinery and had it badly lacerated.

DAILY MAIL.—We understand Mr. R. W. Barker, P. O. Inspector, has arranged for a daily mail between the city and Hyde Park. The mail will go by stage three days and by train the other three.

WESTWARD BOUND.—Last Wednesday a train of twenty-seven cars, seventeen of which were freighted with live stock and agricultural implements, left for the North west. There were about 200 persons on board and they came from along the line of the London, Huron & Bruce Railway.

Two thousand dollars have been subscribed towards defraying the expenses of the Biddulph ex-prisoners. Only two men in Luncheon refused to subscribe. The first person applied to was a prominent county official who has taken a leading part in the prosecution. He respectfully declined.

PROVINCIAL FAIR.—At the meeting of the Agricultural and Arts Association, held in Toronto, last Friday, it was decided to open the Provincial fair in London on the 21st of September, and to invite the Governor General and Princess Louise to be present and formally open it on the 22nd.

COUNTY TOOLS.—The Committee appointed at the last session of the County Council to consider a scheme by which the tolls will be abolished have decided to raise \$42,000 by debentures, to be divided among the municipalities which have not received a fair share of the original appropriation for building roads.

SUSPENDED.—The firm of Messrs. T. & J. Thompson, hardware merchants of this city, have suspended, and the *Monetary Times* in commenting on it says: The creditors express confidence in the course Mr. Thompson has taken to wind up the business, and believe that the stock will realize sufficient to pay off his indebtedness.

OBITUARY.—One of London's oldest citizens died last week in the person of Mr. Wm. Duabur. The deceased slipped some few weeks ago, breaking one of his legs, and on account of his old age he never rallied, but gradually sank till death put an end to his sufferings. He was very much respected by all who knew him and his loss will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

INTERVIEW BETWEEN PARNELL AND O'KELLY AND THE ARCH-BISHOP OF PARIS. Messrs. Parnell and O'K'elly waited by appointment on the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, Mgr. Guibert, at half-past nine, Feb. 25. His Eminence received them with marked cordiality. He evinced the greatest interest in the Irish question, showing considerable anxiety to be assured that the Land League movement did not partake of the character of physical force, and did not contemplate any action outside the limit of the Constitution. He expressed the utmost sympathy with the efforts of the Land League to protect the property of Irish tenants, which he held to be equally sacred with that of the landlords. He was much gratified at receiving assurance that the League felt confident of achieving their object without recourse to violence. The visitors thanked His Eminence for the exertions made by France under his direction for relief of Irish distress last winter, and were informed the sum would have been much larger, but that the Church in France was also persecuted by the Government, and consequently many burdens were rendered impossible to contribute in proportion to their sympathy. After a conversation lasting over an hour His Eminence charged Messrs. Parnell and O'K'elly to say that he bestowed his benediction upon the Irish cause, and to tell the Irish people that while the Catholic Church enjoined strict obedience to existing authority, the sympathy of France would always be in favor of suffering Ireland. His Eminence also expressed his marked compliment of accompanying them through his suite of apartments to the entrance door, and then dismissed them with most cordial wishes for the success of the Irish cause.

Messrs. Parnell and O'K'elly subsequently engaged an interview with Mgr. Guibert, who invited them to be his guests next day.

STAMMERING.—Mr. E. S. Werner, editor of the *Free Press*, published at Albany, N. Y., has a paper in the world which is published in the interest of stammerers; will shortly visit London for the purpose of investigating the mode of treatment used by Prof. Sutherland, for the cure of impediment in speech. In order to do this, the stammerer may be given for a thorough test, a special class will be formed on April 7th, and those who attend will be received at half the usual fee. Those who desire further information should address the *London Stammering Institute*.

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