

The Kerrigan Appeal.

Quebec, Aug. 15, 1895.

To the Editor of the Canadian:

Dear Sir and Brother—Since I had last the honor of addressing you on the principal subject of the distressed and distressing condition of the Kerrigan family here, which has worked such a manifestation of generous and fraternal sympathy from the members of our noble brotherhood all over the Dominion, Mrs. Kerrigan, the suffering mother of the afflicted children has died in the Beauport Insane Asylum, where her unfortunate husband still lingers, only to follow her very shortly to the grave in St. Patrick's Cemetery, to which the members of St. Patrick's Branch No. 108, of this city, had the melancholy duty of committing her mortal remains yesterday, with all the consolations of our holy religion and all the marks of love and respect befitting the memory of one so near and dear to a brother member.

As you can easily imagine, the death of Mrs. Kerrigan and the helpless and hopeless condition of her bereaved husband has deepened the shadow which overhangs the unhappy lot of the little children, who are already virtually orphaned and who are powerless to help themselves for some time to come.

Thus far they have only been saved from actual want by the alacrity and the liberality with which many of our branches have responded to the appeal on their behalf, and I can only hope and pray that this noble example will be followed by all; otherwise, the future of these poor children will be dark indeed.

I append a list of the contributions received since my last communication of July 13th.

May the Almighty bless the charitable donors, and reward them both in this world and the next.

Amount acknowledged to date	\$231.75
Branch 79, Gaspereau, Ont.	2.00
" 67, John McEacher	1.00
" 214, Alberton, P. E. I.	2.00
" 38, Port Lambton, Ont.	5.00
" 110, St. Sauveur, Que.	5.00
" 335, Canso, N. S.	7.75
" 17, Paris, Ont.	2.00
" 198, Edmonton N. W. T.	8.00
" 163, Winnipeg Man.	5.00
" 228, Port Arthur, Ont.	5.00
" 90, Picton, Ont.	4.55
" 181, Hespeler, Ont.	2.00
" 71, Trenton, Ont.	4.00
" 217, L'Assomption, Que.	2.00
" 97, Quebec, Que.	5.00
" 212, Fredericton, N. B.	2.00
" 50, Montreal, Que.	5.00
" 131, North Sydney, C. B. N. S.	3.10
" 112, Merrickville, Ont.	2.00
" 1, Windsor, Ont.	10.00
" 161, Carleton Place, Ont.	1.00
" 11, Galt, Ont.	2.00
" 115, Chesham, Ont.	1.00
" 237, Buclouche, N. B.	1.50
" 27, Petrolia, Ont.	1.55
" 192, Antigonish, N. S.	2.00
" 240, St. Henri de Montreal, Q.	7.00
" 47, Arthur, Ont.	3.00
" 229, Dalhousie, N. B.	3.30
" T. P. Tansey	5.00

Total.....\$261.75

P. KIRWIN, Rec. Sec.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN:

Finding the few rambling remarks in my former communications seemed to meet the favor of our members along the line, I now continue them, in the hope that the readers may co-operate with us in having new branches in places herein-after named.

Leaving Halifax—that great C. M. B. A. centre and where so much life and good-fellowship exists—I journeyed for Dartmouth, and did myself the honor of a call on good Father Underwood, whose handsome church and surroundings fully show the zeal and careful management and manner of man to be found there. Although his branch is not yet numerically large, still I am certain it will, under his care, soon grow to larger proportions. Here Bro. Richard will supply anything in the lively business required by travelling members. George is a good fellow.

Driving along the shore road, it struck us that at Chezzetcook and further along to Spry Bay and Salmon River more new branches can be had by proper working,

evidences of thrift being everywhere to be seen among our co-religionists, and the scenery is beyond description.

At Londonderry we next had the pleasure of meeting our friend, Edward Walsh (a worthy representative of his father, the well-known and respected Michael Walsh, of Halifax), manager of the bank in the place. After a full explanation of the C. M. B. A., he has promised to have a branch as soon as possible. This is sufficient evidence that Londonderry will soon be with us. I am certain Rev. Dr. Walsh, P. P., will be found also with us. The iron works were again commencing to boom, and better times are anticipated. The church and Catholic hall are indeed very creditable buildings for the size of the place.

Our next run was to Kentville, where the genial postmaster, Joseph Lyons, was also found willing to make an attempt to form another link in our grand chain, and anything he undertakes will not fail very easily. I regretted very much indeed that time did not permit me to remain longer, as we had arranged for a better understanding of our aims and methods. There should also be a branch at Windsor, but the priest was not at home, and it was not my privilege to have me, any of the Catholics; hence my failure to explain our order at this point.

At Truro those two hustlers, Brothers Hallisay and Ash—both in train despatcher's office—promised to have the work for another branch commenced at once, and I believe this will be first in line. They are exceedingly kind and attentive to all brothers they happen to meet at the platform travelling.

At Grand Narrows they are under way, and there is also talk of another at Iona, to include Baddeck, so famous since Dudley Warner wrote his book of this latter place. I never could understand why Port Mulgrave, where Rev. Brother Mullins the P. P., resides, and Port Hawksbury, across the way, had not organized long over this. The right kind of men are to be found here, if those who are members would only interest themselves with priests and people. Then Descousse—where a branch has been promised so long—Aricat and West Aricat should all be in line long ago, as here you meet the very class of people to be benefitted by our insurance feature, being so cheap and within the reach of all.

At Pt. Morieu our friend, L. McInnes, a leading Catholic in the place and a great admirer of Rev. Father McIntosh, our District Deputy, who was formerly parish priest there, promised faithfully to go to work at once.

Cape Breton alone can give us as many new branches as are now in the whole Maritime Provinces.

At Canso we met good Father Phelan and some of the other brothers, among others Bro. Cameron, delegate to St. John, and were most kindly received.

At Guysboro we received promise of another new branch there, and as there are no Catholic societies there, it will prove a great boon to those who are lucky enough to join.

At Ingonish the Hinds brothers and others promised co-operation and to lay the matter before the good pastor, Father McPherson, on his return home, believing such an institution sadly needed.

At S. W. Margaree and Cheticamp there is a grand opening, and Mr. Collins, a general dealer, is fully alive to the good work and will do all in his power to be with us, which means ultimate success.

Now we turn homewards from Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, trusting each member who reads these few lines will put on his C. M. B. A. armor and go into the work in good earnest, remembering our only danger is in not increasing our branches and members. First understand the order and its principles and cost, then take the trouble to explain to your fellow-Catholics of all nationalities, and rest assured where the order is properly put before an intelligent body of men and their good pastor, success will crown the effort.

Before closing, let me say that the

Province of Quebec affords also many openings for us to do business. Metapedia will soon be with us, if our genial Irish friend, A. D. McCarthy, conductor on the Atlantic & Lake Superior Railway, can accomplish it.

Rev. J. A. Chalfour, P. P. at New Richmond, asked to have papers sent him, and he would have a branch among his parishioners. If this should succeed, Carleton, New Carlisle, Perry Caspe, and other points on the Baie des Chaleurs would surely follow, and the C. M. B. A. would then be planted on both sides of this great bay.

Finally, Campbelltown will soon be with us at last. Mr. E. G. Henry and his brother and our former friend, Delaney, promised immediate attention.

I fear this letter has been carried to too great a length, but trust members will excuse my trespassing so much on THE CANADIAN'S space, but feel it will be well utilized if they will join with us in pushing business in the points named.

I learn from reliable sources that the indefatigable worker, District Deputy Rev. A. E. Burke, of Prince Edward Island, will soon be on hand with a batch of new branches.

Hoping to see at the Ottawa convention 350 branches represented, and that every member will now put his shoulder to the wheel,

I remain, fraternally,
THOMAS J. K.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONVOLENCE.

At a regular meeting of Branch 52, Winnipeg, Man., held Wednesday, July 3, the following resolution was passed: that

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our late and worthy brother, M. Donoghue, and whereas this branch, in the death of Brother Donoghue, has lost a good and true member of the C. M. B. A. and his family a kind and affectionate husband and father; therefore be it

Resolved that, while we bow in submission to the will of God, it is only a just tribute to the memory of the deceased that we, the members of Branch 52 of the C. M. B. A., show our respect to his widow and family; Resolved further that this heartfelt resolution of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the widow of our deceased brother, and spread over the minutes of our branch, and a copy of the same be sent to the official organ for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch 20, Midstone, Ont., held on the 6th day of July, it was moved by Wm. Cob, seconded by Jos. Dolis, that the branch expresses its heartfelt sympathy with the widow and the brothers and sisters of Brother Michael O'Connell, a member of this branch, whom it pleased God to call to Himself on the 20th day of June; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the widow of deceased and his mother, and that the same be sent for publication in THE CANADIAN and the Catholic Record.

At a regular meeting of Branch 149, La Salette, Ont., held on July 6, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas the members of this branch have heard with regret of the loss sustained by our esteemed brother, D. Foley, by the death of his eldest son, an exceedingly bright and promising boy of eleven years;

Resolved that we extend to Brother Foley and his family our sincere sympathy in this their time of sad affliction, and we humbly pray that God will comfort them in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved that this resolution be entered in the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be presented to Brother Foley; also that copies be sent to THE CANADIAN, Catholic Record and Delhi Reporter for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch 81, Smith's Falls, Ont., held July 9, 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called to His eternal reward, in the bloom of his manhood and strength, Brother W. P. Ryan,

Resolved that, while bowing to the will of God, we unanimously extend to the widow and friends of our deceased brother sympathy in their great affliction, and we supplicate the all-wise Providence to grant them strength to bear their heavy cross with resignation to His holy will, for after all, we live, but to die;

Resolved that the charter be draped in mourning for a period of three months, this resolution entered on the minutes, and a copy be sent to the widow and brother of our late brother, and published in the C. M. B. A. organ, THE CANADIAN, Catholic Record and Catholic Register.

At a special meeting of Branch 102, Richmond, Que., held in their hall on July 10, 1895, the following motion was passed: Moved by Chancellor Dr. Jno. Hayes, Chancellor A. J. Hudon, First Vice President V. A. Dubrule and Bro. A. Poulin:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His wisdom to remove from our midst District Deputy Charles Bodard, whose untimely end, in the awful catastrophe at Craig's Road, Tuesday, July 9, 1895, has cast a gloom over the whole community; and

Whereas, by the death of Brother Bodard, Branch St. Rita, No. 102, has lost one of its charter members and a most ardent supporter, and the community a respected and model citizen; be it

Resolved that, while they bow down in submission to the will of divine Providence, the members of St. Rita Branch, No. 102, do express their heartfelt sorrow at the loss which has fallen upon them, as well as their appreciation of the sterling qualities of their lost Brother, whose last moments were spent in the performance of a holy and religious act, namely a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne; be it also

Resolved that the members of Branch 102, tender their sincere condolence to the sorrowing widow and children of the deceased, in the hour of their sad affliction, whilst they pray that God, who has visited them, may give them strength to bear their loss; be it further

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Brother Bodard as well as our official organ, THE CANADIAN, and the Catholic Record, and that they be spread on the minutes of the Branch—seconded by Bro. D. Raymond, Fin. Sec. C. Girard, Ties. P. Healy, Chancellor P. McDonough.

At a regular meeting of Branch 23, Ottawa, Ont., held on the 17th July, the following resolution was read and adopted:

Inasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to her eternal home the beloved wife of Brother Martin Clancy, be it therefore

Resolved that we, the members of Branch 23, in meeting assembled, hereby express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss sustained by Brother M. Clancy in the death of his wife, and extend our sympathy to him and family in this the hour of affliction.

At a regular meeting of Branch 26, Levis, Que., the following resolutions were passed: Moved by Brother J. N. DeJean, seconded by Rev. L. Anselme Desjard, and

Resolved that this branch has learned with regret of the death of Rev. Father F. Belanger, curate of St. Roch of Quebec and founder of Branch 97, Quebec city; and

Resolved that the members of this branch wish to render testimony to the zeal which the regretted deceased has always shown for the success of this association and their high appreciation of the services he rendered it. Moved by Brother P. J. Montreuil, seconded by Brother Charles Darveau, and

Resolved that the members of this branch attend in a body the funeral of their regretted brother.

Moved by brother J. E. Mercier, seconded by brother J. E. Ladriere, and

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Branch 97 in esteem of their late regretted brother.

Moved by Brother Eusebe Beliveau, seconded by brother Alph. Dumontier, and

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the local press and also to our official organ, THE CANADIAN.

At the regular meeting of Branch 57, Orillia, Ont., held on July 17, 1895, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas Almighty God in His wisdom has been pleased to call to her celestial home the mother of our worthy and esteemed brother, James Mahoney;

Resolved that his brother members of Branch 57 extend to Brother Mahoney their deepest sympathy and regret in his affliction, and

Resolved that this resolution be sent to the Catholic Record and our official organ, THE CANADIAN, for publication.

Whereas it has pleased God in His wisdom to remove by death the father of our esteemed Brother Thomas Hoey, who his brother members of Branch 57, Orillia, Ont., sorely wish to express our heartfelt sympathy with him in his sad bereavement; be it therefore

Resolved that this expression of sympathy be conveyed to Brother Hoey and published in the official organ, THE CANADIAN, and the Catholic Record

At a regular meeting of Branch 76, Belleville, Ont., the following resolution was adopted: Moved by Bro. Frank Carnoy, seconded by Bro. J. M. Doyle, that this branch extend to our much esteemed Bro. Alexander Tisdale its deepest sympathy in the loss of his father and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Bro. Tisdale, inscribed in the minutes of the meeting, and sent to our official organ THE CANADIAN.