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THE REAL MAN WITH THE HOE.

(Most Rev. C. O'Brien, D. D., Archbishop of Halifax, in Newfoundland Tribune)
He leans upon his hoe, his wind swept face,
By cheerful thought and manly labor
He seems as a vision love had dreamed,
Repose, deep-seated as a star in space
That sees, but joins not in our Obit's race
Glims in untroubled eyes that ever gleamed
The fair when over the world the sun was
And throbbing, swung within its God's embrace
He calmly turns; and now is seen a smile
Quaint, pitiful, yet not devoid of scorn;
He hears the idle wail his fancied woe
His mind so full and theirs so void the while;
He knows all men for honest work are born
And what more noble than to reap and sow.

NEW BRANCHES.

Branch 259 was instituted on the 24th day of January, 1900, at Forest, Ont. by Provincial Organizer Joseph Kidd
The following is the list of officers:
Spiritual Adviser, Rev. A. Ladouceur
President, James H. Havin.
First Vice-President, Samuel Farrell
Second Vice-President, Michael Garrett
Recording Secretary, Edmund P. O'Donnell
Assistant Secretary, Michael J. Deegan.
Financial Secretary, Mathew O'Donnell.
Treasurer, Michael Roche.
Marshal, Michael Roche.
Guard, Lawrence Cosgrove.
Trustees, Mathew O'Donnell, John C. O'Donnell, John Leonard, James Leonard, and Wm. Hallicoy.

Branch No. 390 was instituted on the 4th day of February, 1900, at Coaticook, Que., by Brother J. E. H. Howison.
The following is the list of officers:
Spiritual Adviser, Rev. M. McAuley, V. G.
President, L. C. Bichaud
First Vice-President, P. C. McAuley.
Second Vice-President, J. N. Desvoysaux.
Recording Secretary, J. D. Bichaud.
Assistant Recording Secretary, Edouard Maurais.
Financial Secretary, J. B. Durocher.
Treasurer, J. B. Gendreau.
Marshal, P. Ledoux.
Guard, J. H. Beaufort.
Trustees, G. H. St. Pierre, A. R. Payette, Alex. Trudeau, J. E. Landry and E. Maurais.

CONGRATULATIONS.

At a regular meeting of Branch 130, Bathurst, N. B., held in the branch hall on Tuesday, January 2, 1900 the following resolution was unanimously adopted.
Moved by Brother P. J. Veniot, seconded by Brother E. L. O'Brien, that the members of Branch 130 hereby tender to the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, Spiritual Adviser of this Branch, their sincere congratulations on his appointment as Bishop of Tangga and Coadjutor-Bishop of the Diocese of Chatham, and pray that he may long be spared to continue the good work commenced and so well carried on in Northern

New Brunswick by the Right Rev. Dr. Rogers, the venerable Ordinary of the Diocese.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, inserted in THE CANADIAN and spread on the minutes of the meeting.
Brothers Veniot and O'Brien were appointed a committee to present the above resolution to Rev. Dr. Barry.

SUNDAY MEETINGS.

In the last issue of THE CANADIAN the following questions were submitted by one of our Grand Deputies, with the request that they should be answered in THE CANADIAN by our Grand Solicitor

"Is it legal to organize branches and install officers of the C. M. B. A. on Sundays? The Constitution says that meetings cannot be held on Sundays or legal holidays. When branches are organized is not the first meeting of such branches that takes place the organization of the branch and the installation of its officers?"

The comment is then made:

These are important proceedings which ought not to take place on any day on which regular meetings cannot be held.

Our Grand Solicitor has replied: The section referred to in the questions is 176 which enacts as follows:

The regular meetings of the branch shall be held at least semi-monthly, at the time and place prescribed in the by-laws or in a standing resolution of the branch. Notice of the same shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and Grand Deputy in whose jurisdiction the branch is located, but such meetings shall not be on a Sunday or legal holiday.

It will be observed that the section applies to regular meetings only and prohibits the holding of regular meetings on Sundays and legal holidays.

Special meetings are governed by Section 178 and the Constitution does not prohibit the holding of special meetings on Sundays or legal holidays.

A regular meeting of the Branch cannot be held until the Branch is organized. Hence a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Branch cannot be considered a regular meeting of the Branch, and is not irregular by reason of anything contained in the Constitution of the C. M. B. A. Is there anything, then, in our statute or common law which prevents the holding of such a meeting on Sunday?

The Ontario Statute does not touch the matter. At the common law judicial proceedings only on Sunday are void; but all other business transactions are valid except in so far as they are prohibited by statute, or, in the case of societies like the C. M. B. A.,

by such rules and organization as the society duly enacts.

In my opinion the prohibition contained in the Constitution does not prevent the organization of a Branch and the installation of its officers on Sunday. Their installation, however, at a regular meeting held on Sunday, would, in my opinion, be illegal, but such installation held at a special meeting on a Sunday or legal holiday is not prohibited, and if in all other respects in accordance with the Constitution, would be valid and legal.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Branch No. 20, Cardigan Bridge, P. E. I., at its last regular meeting, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Whereas His Lordship Bishop McDonald has issued a circular letter commending the methods and objects of the C. M. B. A. and urging the faithful to become members of our grand Association.

And whereas this letter is calculated to encourage and promote the interests of the C. M. B. A. in this province to a large extent.

Resolved that the officers and members of Branch No. 20 express to His Lordship the deep sense of gratitude which they feel for his exertions on behalf of the Association, and for the lively interest which he has always manifested in its welfare.

Also resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the branch, and forwarded to THE CANADIAN for publication.

LOCAL CONVENTION.

The Branches of the C. M. B. A. in Western Nova Scotia have undertaken a new venture in the matter of holding local conventions semi-annually, and your correspondent believes that they prove to be a decided success. The first reunion of this nature met at Yarmouth a year ago, at which delegates from the branches in Digby and Yarmouth counties were present. Another meeting was held at the same place in July last, and arrangements were there and then arrived at where by delegates from the six branches in the above named counties would meet on the first Saturdays in January and July of each year at such places as the convention should decide, but no two succeeding conventions should be held at the same place.

The third reunion took place at West Pubnico on the 6th of January last, and the meeting was most pro-

ductive and enjoyable one. Mr. F. G. (C. M. B. A. Grand Deputy) who has taken a very active part in the venture, presided. Mr. Henry T. Deane, rector of West Pubnico acted as First Vice-President. E. Therian, of Bellefleur, was entrusted with the duties of Recording Secretary. F. W. Dore of Miramichi acted as Marshal and G. D'Entremont, of West Pubnico, Guard. Wilfrid Comeau, professor at St. Anne's College, Church Point, was appointed Chancellor.

Among the several topics of interest under consideration during the convention were: The benefits of education and the means necessary to improve our condition in that line; the advancement of the association was ably presented; the necessity of insurance and occupied the close attention of the meeting and the benefits of closer relations between the branches were earnestly advocated. The delegates were warmly received by the local branch. An address of welcome was read to them at the opening of the meeting by James G. D'Entremont, ex-President of Branch No. 20, which was appropriately responded to by the President of the convention. On Sunday the delegates and members attended divine service at St. Peter's Church, marching in procession from the hall. On Monday morning they returned to their several homes, carrying with them a deep sense of appreciation for the generous hospitality of the people of West Pubnico and a warm enthusiasm towards the association.

These meetings are most commendable, and much good will evidently obtain from them. It would seem that the members of the association in Western Nova Scotia attach a great deal of importance to, and have great faith in, the future of the association. The writer believes that the matter of local conventions on similar lines as those referred to should receive the attention of the next Grand Council Convention.

In conclusion, I wish to refer to the valuable assistance rendered at this convention by Rev. Fathers Breen and LeDore of the faculty of St. Anne's College, Church Point, for the able manner in which they assisted in carrying the affair to such a successful issue. Rev. Father Breen was most eloquent in dealing with the importance of education, and he scored many good points in his masterly addresses.

The world is a loud talker but a very poor thinker.—Father Ryan.