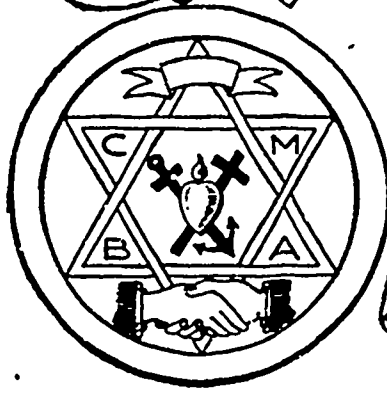


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NOTES.

We learn from the *Evening Telegram* of April 4th that His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Howley is about establishing a branch of the C. M. B. A. in St. John's, Nfld.

A Toronto brother informs us that the combined branches of that city intend having their second annual excursion to Wilson Park, N. Y., on Monday, 15th July, via steamer Garden City.

The first quarter per capita tax of 1895 was due on the 1st of April, and the second quarter's tax will be due on the 1st of July. Brother editors will please read Sec. 60 of Constitution. Branches that have paid the "50c. additional" on Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 assessments of this year will be allowed said sum on General Fund account, as it was not intended to have the 50c. additional paid after the last assessment issued in 1894.

The funeral of the late Wm. Burns, Esq., of Quebec, took place on April 7th, and was one of the largest seen there for some time. The chief mourners were his three sons, Brother John D. Burns, of the Maritime News Co., St. John, N. B.; Thomas and William Burns, of Quebec city; his son-in-law, T. Maguire, agent of the C. P. Railway, Montreal, and several other relatives. Prominent among the large number of followers were the members of Branch No. 108, C. M. B. A., who attended in a body in deference to Bro. John D. Burns, who is Recording Secretary of Branch 134, of St. John. The services were held in St. Patrick's church, the Rev. Father McCarthy, C.S.S.R., being the celebrant. The sacred edifice was heavily draped in mourning. The ceremony was very impressive, the full choir adding greatly to the solemnity of the services. A large number of friends drove out in carriages to St. Patrick's cemetery. We extend to Brother Burns, of St. John, our heartfelt sympathy. The members of our Grand Council can never forget the extreme kindness shown by Brother Burns while attending the convention held last September.

The new constitution of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, which should be in the hands of every member, gives the legal notice to members of the regular monthly assessments.

If a special assessment is required in any month notice to members will be given through THE CANADIAN, our official organ.

The assessment statement now given monthly in THE CANADIAN is not the notice to members of an assessment; it is given to comply with Sec. 7 of the Beneficiary Fund Law. Of course, it is a reminder to members of the month's assessment, but the required legal notice is given in Sections 8 and 9 of the constitution.

Do you wish to increase the membership of the Association? Certainly you do. Well, fine points of order, long-drawn-out debates, fervid and impassioned eloquence will not do it. Action, action, action! is the magic talisman. Live up to your duty as a citizen and a Catholic; be charitable to all; visit the sick of your branch and have not only words but acts for those that are in affliction. These are required of you as a C. M. B. A. man. Stick to the letter of them and see if your example does not bear more fruit than your oratory.

On Sunday, April 28th, fifty of the members of Branch No. 89, Perth, attended Holy Communion in a body. During his sermon Rev. Father Duffus referred to the very pleasing sight witnessed at Mass when the members of a Catholic society approached the Holy table in a body. He spoke of the great assistance such a society is to the Church, in helping to carry on its good work, and also pointed out the many benefits which members derived from belonging to it. During Communion the choir sang the beautiful hymn, "Oh Sacred Banquet." Branch 89 has in connection with their hall a reading room, which is open every night to its members and visiting brothers.

On May 1st Branch No. 54, Montreal, held its first meeting in the new hall on

Craig street. Rev. Father O'Donnell, P. P., was present, and, after the regular branch business was finished, addressed those present in very encouraging terms, pointing out that the C. M. B. A. is an organization which the Church does not content herself with merely tolerating, but which she blesses and wishes to promote in every possible way. He referred to our Holy Father's solicitude for societies imbued with a true Catholic spirit, and consequently the love he must have towards our C. M. B. A. Brother C. O'Brien, the able president, thanked the Rev. Father on behalf of the branch for his very instructive address, and hoped he would honor them by an occasional visit to the branch meetings.

Branch No. 145, Toronto, held an open meeting on April 29th, to which they invited their friends, who turned out in such force as to completely fill the hall of St. Michael's college. Special meetings such as these are sure to result in good to the branch in making known the aims and objects of the Association, and thus extending its membership. The objects of the C. M. B. A. were ably set forth by Mr. J. C. Walsh in a clever address of about fifteen minutes' duration. An excellent musical programme was then taken up, to which Mrs. J. D. Ward and Messrs. Warde, Anglin, Kirk, Millar and Holmes contributed. The latter part of the evening was allotted to Mr. Frank Yeigh, who gave his popular lecture on "Canada. Historical and Pictorially," illustrated with one hundred stereoptical views of interesting historical and scenic spots in the Dominion. He also gave a series of views of special interest to Catholics, viz., His Holiness the Pope, Bishop Laval, Bishop McDonnell, Archbishop Walsh, St. Basil's church, the missionaries, Brebeuf and Lallemand, the old church at Tadoussac, the early churches of Quebec and Montreal, etc. Other branches could well add to their usefulness by thus aiding in extending a knowledge of our own country. The open meeting was in every sense

a success. Mr. D. Millar, the president of Branch 145, acted as chairman.

On May 23rd Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence of, St. Catharines, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage. On that evening a large number of friends assembled at their home on Phelps street to celebrate the event. Telegrams and letters were received from friends at a distance, regretting their inability to attend, and among those present were friends from Buffalo, Toronto, Hamilton and surrounding towns. An elegant collation was provided and the evening was of the pleasantest character possible. On Friday evening Miss Fanny Lawrence gave a progressive euchre party in honor of her parents' silver wedding. The house was full of young people, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Brother Lawrence is the senior chancellor of Branch No. 10, and is at present the branch's financial secretary. He was the first representative from St. Catharines branch to the Grand Council of Canada, and at the third convention of our council was elected a Grand Trustee. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have the wish of THE CANADIAN that they will live to spend another twenty five happy years together.

NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 219 was organized on May 21, 1895, at Joggins Mines, N. S., District Deputy George W. Cooke. The following is the list of officers:
Spiritual Advisor, Rev. J. D. Currie.
President, John Hennessy.
1st Vice Pres., James Michael Burke.
2nd Vice Pres., James Holmes.
Recording Sec., Henry Emerson Combs.
Asst. Rec. Sec., John Logan.
Fin. Sec., Michael Hennessy.
Treasurer, Frederick Melanson.
Marshal, William James Foran.
Guard, Matthew Logue.
Trustees, Thomas Burke, Coralia Burke, James Augustine Burke, Lawrence McKilloan and Michael Hennessy.

HONOR ROLL.

Branch No. 224, Murray Bay, Que., heads the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations in the month of April, having initiated seven members.

Branches No. 169, Shediac, N. B., and No. 228, Quebec, Que., initiated six members each. This is the second time Murray Bay came out first.