C M B A has undertaken, by swelling its ranks as soon as possible and lending to it the precious benefit

OF THEIR EXAMPLE.

Many of them, I know, are sincerely anxious to do what they can to improve the condition moral, mental and material of their brother Catholics, who have not been equally favored by Providence

To demonstrate that the brotherhood of man is more than a name and fraternity more than an empty sound, is the mission of the C M B A One of the most blessed privileges is to show that "a friend loveth at all times and that a brother is born for adversity" Let me appeal then to the Catholic leaders throughout the Dominion to set the salutary example of enrolling themselves as soon as possible, so that sooner or later the entire Catholic body in Canada may be brought within the reach of its beneficent influence.

Let me urge upon our active membership to be alive to the interests of the association, to be thoroughly loyal to it in every respect, and to lose no opportunity to extend its sway.

FOR CONSTANT GROWTH

is one of the evidences of life and prosperity. Indeed with these aids we have much to be grateful for Our beloved association has grown and prospered in a way that is altogether remarkable, and with the blessing of Heaven and with wise guidance, the outlook for the time to come promises to be of the brightest. But to realize its admirable mission to the utmost, there must be work, individual as well as collective. The spirit of union and fraternity must be inculcated to its fullest extent.

I cannot conclude without expressing the hope that the day is not far distant when all the Canadian members of our beloved association shall acknowledge but one jurisdiction and when we shall be all united under one and the same Canadian management, so as to form one great, powerful Canadian body, exemplifying the principle that union is strength. This is my most ardent desire, and I know that the feeling is fully shared by my hearers We are in full sympathy with our brethren of the United States We have nothing but the greatest respect and fraternal sentiments for them

IN OUR HEARTS,

but we believe that here in Canada we are perfectly competent to govern ourselves in this as in other respects, and that it would be better for both if the Canadian brethren recognized but one jurisdiction We have now reached a stage of growth in the Dominion which enables us to stand alone, and in tendering the olive branch to our Canadian brethren, who still acknowledge the American jurisdiction, I am satisfied that I am but carrying out the earnest wish of the vast majority of the Canadian membership.

The speaker closed with a strong appeal to the mothers, sisters and sweethearts to use all their best influence in favor of an organization, a membership in which was productive of so much good.

A most cordial vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Hackett by Ven. Archdeacon Casey, in a few well chosen words, strongly endorsing the sentiments expressed in the address. Mr Thomas Cahill seconded the motion in his usual witty strain, after which Mr J. R. Stratton, M P P., briefly expressed his appreciation of the eloquent address.

Mr. Stratton said as a citizen of Peterborough he was always glad to welcome to Peterborough distinguished Canadians He was glad to meet the Hon Mr Hackett, and with as Protestants and members of institutions kindred to the C M B A, he not only wish for it the fullest measure of success their institution deserved These fraternal benevolent and beneficiary societies illustrate the practical working of Christianity by inculcating lofty sentiments and in taking care of the widows and orphans They are the complement of the church, in that the latter provides for the spiritual and the former for the temporal welfare of the respective beneficiaries They prevent pauperism, and as pauperism is the mother of crime, they prevent crime The C M B A had his best wishes for its success, and he did not think that any Catholic would go far astray in joining this institution—their wives and families would be happier and better if they did. Should a member happen to be suddenly called away, without further provision, the wife and mother would be better able to struggle through life than she who is penniless with a dependent family.

In closing the meeting Bro Coughlin after tendering the vote of thanks to Mr. Hackett, voiced the appreciation of the association of the efforts of those who so kindly contributed towards the programme of an impromptu concert which took place before the arrival of the train

Miss Lillie Simons, the Misses Hurley, Mr. Thos. Dunn, and Mr. D Gordon made the evening pass very pleasant with their excellent selections

A TANGLE

afterwards took place in the Catholic Foresters' hall, a most excellent menu being provided by Caterer Walsh, who surpassed himself on this occasion

The chair was taken by Dr. Moher and the vice chair by Mr. Thos Cahill. On either side of the chairman sat Hon. Mr. Hackett, Ven Archdeacon Casey and Mr J R Stratton, M P P After the tasty viands had been disposed of, the toast of "The Queen" was duly honored, after which "The Dominion Parliament and Legislative Assembly of Ontario" was proposed, and the name of Mr J R Stratton, M P P, connected therewith

Mr Stratton, in response to the toast, after thanking the proposers for the kind terms in which it was offered, said he was glad to join as a citizen of the town in the welcome to the town of the distinguished head of the society under whose auspices they were assembled He had not had the pleasure of a previous personal acquaintance with Hon Mr Hackett, but he had known of him and read of him, and a gentleman who was the only member of a defeated government who could carry his banner to the front in a Quebec constituency which was very largely Protestant, must have a breadth of view and a liberality of principle, and must also possess personal characteristics that commend him to the confidence of the public in an especial degree. He was glad that his first visit to Peterborough was for the furtherance of the interests of a good cause, and the character of his address in the Opera House was a demonstration of his desire to promote a harmonious spirit of brotherhood among Canadians, which he Mr. Stratton had been endeavoring to bring about for the past ten or twelve years He believed in all classes of citizens having their rights, but in the effort to gain those rights, each of the two great classes into which the Province was divided could work for that aim in such a manner as not to offend the susceptibilities of the other class, and while anxious [illegible] rights [illegible] Canada [illegible] against [illegible] was [illegible] examples He thanked [illegible] of the C M B A [illegible] privilege of being present and he concluded by wishing the society the greatest measure of success

Ven Archdeacon Casey proposed the health of the guest of the evening which was greeted with a hearty response

Mr Hackett stated in opening that he had his political opinions as he had his opinions concerning the Church but politics would be allowed to pass this evening and would not be permitted to enter into any consideration which the C M B A might have We care not for politics said he We care not whether a man worshipped the rising star of Sir Wilfred Laurier or drops a tear for the old reminiscences of Sir John A Macdonald We insist, however, that we have fair play in the goings and comings of the affairs of the Dominion

Referring to Mr Stratton's remarks the speaker paid a tribute to the man who had always stood for the privileges of all classes in the community irrespective of race or creed He believed from all he knew that he had done so It showed that he was a believer in British liberty and British fairplay

ALL WE ASK

of you, sir, continued he, is that you carry out in your public life the sentiments you have expressed to night We, as C M B A men, ask no special privileges but we do ask a position that our brains and understanding entitle us to occupy — no more, no less and you, sir, by your speech to night, have proven to us you are for British liberties

We are a society which will tolerate no politics, as far as the C M B A is concerned. We are simply a Catholic institution and to the Protestants we say "You have your associations and you conduct them nobly and well Will any of you dare say we are doing wrong when we follow in your footsteps We want a union of Catholics We want that the Catholics of Quebec should be received, as a body as I am to night We want our friends down by the sea to know that he meets a brother when he meets a Catholic I believe that the Catholics of the Dominion are the truest friends of loyalty They were in the minority They asked for no favor or privileges but for their rights only to work hand in hand for the grandeur and nobility of the Dominion of Canada Let religious feeling be buried with everything else that seeks to sink the

GRENELLE EVENTS

There are no men that are brought up in Catholic institutions that have not the prosperity and noble futurity of Canada at heart All we ask is the same boon that is granted to those that worship at a different altar Put our workingman side by side with yours, and in the sight of man and in the sight of the Government, as he does in the sight of God, let him occupy the same position.

Again referring to the remarks of Mr. Stratton, Mr. Hackett said that so long as he adhered in his representative capacity to the principles of fair play and equitable dealing he had so emphatically expressed, so long would he be worthy of the confidence and support of the people [illegible] irrespective [illegible]

The toast [illegible] was proposed at [illegible] of Mr [illegible] Mr [illegible] in connection with [illegible] spoke

Mr Thos Cahill proposed the health of The Army Navy and Militia, Capt Mier and Capt Hayes responding

The toast of "The Learned Profession" was responded to by the gentlemen Messrs C W Somers and [illegible] and that of "The Ladies" with Messrs W D Packer, C LeBrun and Thos Henry The health of The Press was responded to by the members present

Our Medical Examiners Criticised by One of Themselves.

Tignish P E I, [illegible]

To the Editor of The Canadian

Dear Sir and Bro

As the death rate of our Association is a vital question of interest it is the duty of every member who has the interests of the C M B A at heart to raise his voice in protest when he sees what appears to him to be even the part of any other in the performance of his duty

In this connection then I wish to impeach the department of Medical Examiners as being in many cases direct, and, as one of that body who has examined more than a quarter of our total provincial membership expanding over four years I may fairly claim to know something of my subject A glance at the monthly death roll must convince any one of the least acquaintance with vital statistics as applied to insurance companies, that the death rate from tuberculous diseases is entirely too great Take the last [illegible] for example, and we find [illegible] per cent deceased as the result of this disease The Supervising Medical Examiner will, I think, agree with me when I say that this is simply appalling and there must be a [illegible] out some place when this state of affairs exists This number is not an isolated example, unfortunately, but almost the same meets our eye in every number until I am sure that the non professional members will feel like asking "Is Consumption the only disease that effects members of the C M B A" What [illegible] me particularly [illegible] is the number of deaths of priests young men in most cases who have [illegible] been a short time members It is the apparent carelessness in this [illegible] especially on the part of Medical Examiners that has prompted this letter and I would [illegible] impression on my fellow examiners that great care is necessary in this [illegible] I know how hard it is to have [illegible] your parish priest [illegible] the searching examination [illegible] but business is business and the [illegible] letter of the law should be adhered to in every case This I feel has not been done

Father Brent's letter of some time ago was, to my mind, timely, and not satisfactorily answered by my worthy confrere, and the sooner we give over trying to palliate the matter, admit there is a fault somewhere, and endeavor to apply a remedy the better it will be for all concerned I believe we have a careful and painstaking Supervising Medical Examiner

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