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C. M. B. A.

The Supreme Council.

Assessment 18 and 19 was issued by the Supreme Council on January 10th, calling for the payment of assessments of 44 deceased members...

This is the month in which Good Friday, the C. M. B. A. should be made, and in which there should be an examination of the C. M. B. A. conscience...

After from your position as President your conduct has been such as to inspire respect for, and encourage others to join our branch...

The flourishing financial condition of the branch, the good standing of the members and the fact that you have been a member of the C. M. B. A. since its establishment...

After thanking you for your services in the past and hoping you will continue to take the same interest in our association as when President, and with the best wishes for your continued prosperity...

On behalf of Branch 89.
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McCaughy representative, Jno O'Loughlin; alternate, Brother D. McDonald. After the regular business of the meeting had been dealt with...

Dear Brother - We gladly take this opportunity of thanking you for the kind and impartial manner in which you, as President of our branch, have presided over our meetings during the past three years...

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Branch 55, Hamilton.
Chas. A. T. Fligiano, pres. J. J. Jettis, first vice-pres. G. Gaffney, second vice-pres. B. A. Ward, alt. M. D. Tress, W. A. D. Baby, asst. sec. J. Burns, rec. sec. Bart J. Conway, mar. James O'Day, grand convenor, Thos. Lawlor, alt. J. W. Coffey, J. Fligiano.

Branch 43, Brockville.
Spir. adv. Very Rev. C. H. Gauthier, V. G. Chan, J. Noonan, pres. P. Barnes, first vice-pres. J. Labb, second vice-pres. J. J. Murphy, rec. sec. J. McBeary, asst. sec. J. J. Gessard, mar. J. Muldoon, grand convenor, Thos. Lawlor, alt. J. W. Coffey, J. D. Barrows, S. Gessard, T. Burns and H. Sussay, rep. to grand conv. O. W. Downey, alt. J. W. Coffey, J. Fligiano.

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During her sickness she suffered very much, and notwithstanding the kindest attentions and best medical skill, her disease baffled medical men and she grew gradually worse and worse. Her remains were borne on Saturday to their last resting place, followed by a very large concourse of sorrowing friends and affected community who came to show their last respect to the deceased one. Her funeral was characterized by the large number of young people who followed her remains, which showed how deeply she was loved and respected. Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Father O'Leary, after which her remains were placed in the family plot, amid the tears and prayers of the large assembly. At such a time our heart must go out in deep sympathy to her bereaved family, and to her mother, who feel their loss so keenly; but though their loss is great indeed we are confident her gain is far greater and that her soul rests in peace within the embrace of Jesus and Mary. R. I. P.

M. J. M.
MR. JOSEPH KELLY, MORRISVILLE.
It is with sincere regret that we announce this week the death of Mr. Joseph Kelly, son of Wm Kelly, of Morrisville, which sad event took place at his home on Sunday morning, Dec. 17. This young man went to bed in the best of health and spirits the night before, but in the morning the parents were horrified to find him almost cold in their embrace. Joe was a great favorite among the young folk, as he always had a joke and a smile for everybody. He was prepared to meet his Maker, having the Sunday before, received the sacraments. His funeral, which was largely attended, took place at St. Peter's church, McGillivray, where a Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Traber for the repose of his soul. This young man was cut down in the bloom of life, having scarcely reached his twentieth year. He was a member of the Holy Family, and remains of this young man was lowered in the grave by six of his comrades. His heart-broken mother and father and two brothers have the sympathy of the whole community in their sad affliction. Day the Lord have mercy on his soul! Amen.

MRS. LAWRENCE BARRY, MCGILLIVRAY.
It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Lawrence Barry, of McGillivray, which took place on Thursday, 28th ult., at her late residence. Mrs Barry was a native of the county Cork, Ireland, and came to this country when it was a vast wilderness, and with her husband, she labored hard and long. She received the rites of our holy religion from the Rev. Father O'Leary. This good woman is a widow, and her family she was an earnest Catholic, a kind and loving mother and a sincere friend of the poor. At the time of her death she was eighty-four. Her funeral, which was largely attended by sorrowing friends and neighbors, took place on Saturday, at St. Peter's cemetery. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Traber. We extend our sympathy to her bereaved family, and hope Almighty God may strengthen them to bear their loss. May her soul rest in peace! Amen.

For the CATHOLIC RECORD.
"ALL GENERATIONS SHALL CALL ME BLESSED."
Did the Blessed Virgin think, when she uttered these prophetic words, that she was then placing upon record one of the most reliable evidences by which the Church of Christ could be distinguished among the multiplicity of beliefs of the present age?

Sufficient time has elapsed since the birth of the Child Jesus, and so widespread and continuously from generation to generation has been the Christian devotion to the Mother of the regenerated world, that the most sceptical must readily admit that her prophecy has been abundantly fulfilled. Nor would any reasonable person suppose for an instant that the enemies of the faith would become the greater, or Christians, whose every hope is centered in the sacred maternity of Mary, the lesser effective power in the promulgation of that important truth.

Had the Catholic Church in her infancy been unable to survive the relentless fury of paganism or the deadly and insidious attacks upon her unsullied purity by teachers of false doctrine in later times, how could the prophecy of Mary have ever been realized? Would the numerous dissenting bodies, satisfied with the over-throw of the Church of Christ's establishment, have spread abroad among all nations and perpetuated from one generation to another that prophetic declaration which is now so familiar and dear to Catholics throughout the four quarters of the earth? But how have Protestants been exercised in the fulfillment of that prophecy? Is it a favorable argument in behalf of their sincerity and devotion that they remain entirely silent with regard to it, simply because, as they think, or allege, the Catholic Church has unduly honored her from whose pure veins the precious blood of the most adorable Heart of Jesus was drawn and afterwards shed for the remission of sins?

Turning to the Jews, and pointing to the lacerated and bleeding figure of our Lord attached to the cross, that grief-stricken Mother might have exclaimed, with all due propriety, "Behold my Flesh and my Blood which are given for you and for the sins of the whole world;" for, verily, the Christ that suffered there was "born of her flesh and of her blood; and we cannot separate His sufferings from her sufferings—we cannot truly say that her part in the great work of redemption had ended before the awful scene on Calvary.

It would be sad indeed, and entirely foreign to our conception of the justice and benignity of God, if, after having built for Himself an earthly temple and adorned it with most precious and becoming treasures, and made it the scene of the profoundest of His enactments, He should relegate that blameless object of His particular love, and the instrument of His corporal union with the human race, to an inferior or common position in His limitless creation—that, having raised the spotless Virgin to the highest possible dignity, by creating her His Mother, He would afterwards, through no fault of hers, deprive her of the honor, attached to that dignity by treating her as an ordinary mortal.

Death itself could not rob Him of His human existence, for after the third day He rose again from the dead, and appeared to His apostles, saying to them: "Behold my hands and feet, that it is I myself, handle and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bone, as you see me have." And with the same body also He ascended into heaven, where He is now sitting at the right hand of God in all the glory of His majesty. He is there the same God-made man as when He clung for support to the arms of His mother in childhood. And as long as that two-fold mystical union of His Godhead and manhood shall exist, which will be throughout eternity, so long will He be the Son of the Blessed Virgin. And when the countless multitude of the redeemed shall have gathered around the throne on high at the last day to lift up their voices as the sound of many waters and great thunders, in unceasing alleluias to the Lord our God, who reigneth forever and ever—then, and not till then, will the joy of the Queen Mother be proportioned to the bitter anguish of spirit that she endured at the passion of her Son.

It is true she is called "blessed" now by very few outside of the Catholic