

C. M. B. A.

Official.

Notice is hereby given that the next biennial convention of the Grand Council of Canada of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association will be held in the hall of Branch No. 13, Stratford, commencing on Tuesday, the 10th of August next, at 9 a.m. S. R. Brown, Grand Secretary, London, July 8, 1896.

Visiting Cards.

We have on hand at the CATHOLIC RECORD office a large stock of Visiting Cards, with the C. M. B. A. design beautifully printed in colors on the left corner. We will supply these cards to members at 25c per dozen, with name and number of branch printed upon them. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Remittance may be made in stamps.

Bro. E. J. O'Brien, of Guelph, has been chosen delegate to Grand Council to represent the branch of that city.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a special meeting of the members of Branch No. 5, C. M. B. A., held on the morning of the 28th inst., the following resolutions were moved by Chancellor J. C. Sullivan, and adopted unanimously:

Whereas, it has pleased God, whose ways are unsearchable and wisdom incomprehensible, to remove by the hand of death our charter member and esteemed brother, Andrew O'Donovan, and

Whereas, his somewhat premature death leaves a young family fatherless, and deprives this Branch of a zealous member, therefore be it

Resolved, That we desire to testify and place on record our sympathy with his bereaved wife and family and our appreciation of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That this committee and resigned to the will of God, as he also was during his protracted illness, we do not grieve the less at the loss of such a brother.

Resolved, That in our grief it is a source of consolation for us to know that he died fully resigned to the holy will of God, and consoled and fortified by the reception of the last sacraments.

Resolved, That we attend the funeral to-day in a body; our charter be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days, and during the same period that prayers be offered at our regular branch meeting for the eternal repose of his soul.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this branch; a copy thereof transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and published in the CATHOLIC RECORD, the Canadian C. M. B. A. Monthly, and in our local papers.

REV. J. E. CRONIN, JAMES MCGREGOR, President, Secretary.

In accordance with these resolutions the members marched in procession in order under the command of Branch Marshal Daly to the house of the deceased and in the same order accompanied the remains to the church, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated, and thence to the cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed. J. W.

Niagara Falls, July 23rd, 1896.

Received from W. H. Brennan, Recording Secretary Branch 18, C. M. B. A., the sum of two thousand dollars, in payment of beneficiary due me on the death of my husband, the late Michael Whalen.

ELLEN WHALEN.

Witness, JAMES MCGREGOR.

For Railroads.

C. M. B. A. Reporter.

"Give me that oil can, Conlin," said Dan McGuire to his faithful fireman, a few minutes previous to the arrival of the Limited Express, one evening last week. It was just ten o'clock, the usual hour for the engine to be put in order to be wandering towards home.

The night was very dark and a heavy rain prevailed at the time, but the writer's curiosity was fully aroused as to how perilous life is when running a locomotive from fifty to sixty miles an hour in such storms. The writer handed each of the masters of the fiery steed a cigar for the purpose of getting a little knowledge of the life on an engine.

"How quick can you make the trip?" began the scribe.

"Well, that depends upon circumstances," replied Dan. "However, you can bet a whole box of cigars the crew on this engine is not afraid to ride on it as fast as the wheels will turn. A mile a minute a few years ago was considered marvelous, and people would hardly credit it. But now a day seventy-five miles per hour is considered fair time when late, Say, Mat, drop your back damper and fill her full of coal. Our train will be here in a minute or two."

After giving this order, the scribe, anxious to continue the conversation, began by asking various questions, and the first was:

"Dan, do you ever think of death while running at such a terrible speed?"

"O, bless you, no; our only thoughts are if we can make the time. We are all about of one opinion and that is if our time has arrived there is no use to try and keep up steam."

"Are you insured?" asked the curious seeker.

"Yes, sir," was the prompt reply. "Have been a member of the C. M. B. A. for a number of years, and I must say that before I came a member I never made such fast runs. Now you may laugh at the idea, but it is a fact. Somehow or another before associating myself with the C. M. B. A. there always appeared a load on my shoulders, and I do not know of any other reason for such a feeling, unless that I had a dear wife and four little children at home that looked to me for support. Well, you now get me started," he continued, "and I will just explain to you how I became a member of our noble Association. One night we had a special train and had orders to get over the road just as fast as the '38' would take steam. Of course we needed no further hints. So I says: Conlin, now get things in shape, and we will show the boys that a big wheel will discount a small one at any time. Well, it was just 10:09 when we hooked onto the train. Conductor Jimmy Belpas came forward to me in his usual smiling way and said: 'Dan, do the best you can to-

night, for those fellows behind would just as leave ride a hundred miles an hour as fifty.' Well, to cut short my preface on the story, we left at just 10:16, and there is no use in talking Conlin did his pretties; he kept the gauge at 160 and cleared her beautifully. We were making fully seventy miles an hour up to our first stop for water, and still there was no complaint from behind about the fast running; but we were not so fortunate on the home stretch where we intended to set a pattern for the coming generation. Well, for the first thirty miles everything worked to perfection; all at once there was a fearful rattling near the drivers and the fire flew in all directions. My first impression was to get out of the engine as fast as I could, but I thought my next conclusion was that one of the driving wheels must have left us. I told Mat to get in shape to jump, and in fact, I was so dumb founded that I did not know what to do at first. I thought of the little ones at home and what a deplorable condition they would be in if anything happened to me. Well, too much consideration at this moment was not in order, so I put on the air brake and reversed the engine, and to my great surprise I found everything working well until we stopped dead still, after which a sigh of relief rent the air. I took my torch and went forward, expecting to find half the engine stripped; but no, the engine was all there and all right. The trouble was caused by a boulder about the size of your fist getting in the guard box right over the driver. Myself and Conlin, of course, felt like sticking our heads in the fire box, yet we were grateful. The next day I called on Brother J. H. Wilson and died my application, and ever since have been a member, and never made such fast runs as we do now. My advice to all engineers and railroaders generally is to join the C. M. B. A. and relieve themselves of great responsibility by placing their families under the proper protection."

At this juncture the fast train arrived, and Dan was allowed to proceed on his way.

Reunion at Buffalo.

Buffalo Union and Times, July 22nd.

While Buffalo's first C. M. B. A. reunion was not as great a success as its projectors had anticipated still, considering that it was a day of almost constant rain, the attendance and enthusiasm manifested were something to be proud of. In the middle of the afternoon the sky cleared, and clouds began to pour toward Germania Park by boat, rail and otherwise, and by evening an audience of about 1,500 had gathered. The usual amusements were indulged in, and everyone had a merry time.

About five o'clock Grand President Schweigert mounted the music stand and called the crowd to order. He announced that as there were many C. M. B. A. visitors present, some of the local members expressed a desire to hear them and for that purpose he had called the meeting.

Supreme vice-President Coffey of London, Canada, was then introduced and spoke briefly. He said he was always glad to be among C. M. B. A. friends, especially as he was on this occasion to be with his Buffalo friends. The organization in Canada is steadily increasing in membership and reports received from all parts indicated it was but a question of a very short time before the C. M. B. A. would be one of the largest and most conservative organizations in the United States and Canada. Mr. Coffey then spoke on several questions which will come up for final consideration at the next supreme Council meeting.

Calls were made for Supreme Deputy Jao J. Hynes of this city, who was in the audience. Mr. Hynes in response said that while he fully appreciated the call he would much prefer the speaking confined to the visiting officers. The committee in response to the call of this, the first reunion of the Buffalo branches. Despite the bad weather the reunion had proved successful. We in Buffalo feel proud of our association, not only because it is our boast that Buffalo is the largest city in the country to be proud of, but because it has been the means of wiping away these barriers of race prejudice which for years prior to the organization of the C. M. B. A. existed between Catholics in this city. Mr. Hynes claimed that the C. M. B. A. was the cheapest life insurance organization in the country to-day, and he made an earnest appeal to those young men present who were not members, to join, for it would make them better men. After briefly touching upon the Reserve Fund—the great question now before the C. M. B. A. he closed after thanking his listeners for their attention.

Grand President Schweigert then introduced Grand Secretary Cameron of Hornellville who said that when he received the invitation to attend the reunion he was undecided whether to accept or not. Not because it would not afford him pleasure to always meet Buffalo C. M. B. A. men, but the reunion came at a time when he would be busy late and early in getting his reports ready for the Grand Council session, which meets in a few weeks in Utica.

Notwithstanding this, when the time came for the reunion he could not keep away and came to enjoy the hospitalities of his Buffalo brothers. Mr. Cameron then gave a brief summary of the work of the C. M. B. A. for the past two years, which was received with marked approval by the audience.

Supreme 1st Vice-President C. J. Drecher was then called upon, and spoke with force of the work that has been done by the C. M. B. A. He claimed that it was far ahead of sister organizations in those reforms which past experience has demonstrated were necessary for such organizations. He said efforts were being made to the C. M. B. A. perpetual by the adoption of a reserve fund and paid a glowing tribute to the present Grand Council officers.

Grand President Schweigert made a few appropriate remarks and declared the meeting adjourned.

Among the prominent officials of the association from out of town, besides those above mentioned, were Supreme Treasurer Walsh of Hornellville, Grand Chancellor F. Reynolds of Lockport and Capt. T. C. Lynch of Batavia and family. We also noticed Brothers Martin of Niagara Falls,

Kinney of Rochester, Bulger of Lockport, Comerford of Medina, Malleney of East Pembroke, and many others. The places named were well represented by delegations.

THE IRISHMEN OF QUEBEC.

AN ADDRESS PRESENTED TO MGR. O'BRIEN, Quebec, July 19.—The members of the I. N. A. called upon Mgr. O'Brien in a body to-day, when Mr. F. Carbray, M. P., President, read to His Excellency the following address:

The Right Rev. Mgr. Henry O'Brien, Abbot of the Holy Sepulchre.

We are sure it does not surprise you to find here, at the threshold of the New World, numbers of your race. We are to be found scattered over the entire civilized world, and we might say undisciplined world as well, for there are Irishmen not to be found in any other country. Our fathers have been driven to seek homes and a means of livelihood in the land of the stranger, far away from the loved land of our forefathers but to which our hearts forever turn with sad longing.

Many seek sincerely to know the meaning of the Divine Nature, which is His from all eternity. The Manhood of Christ is the Manhood of Him Who is God, and Who, being God, claims in all that He is, adoration in fullest right. There is, therefore, no part of the Sacred Humanity of the same Divine Person, Jesus Christ, which by virtue of this Personal Union, is not adored with the highest honor, the very honor which is due to the uncreated and infinite perfection of the Eternal Word.

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OBITUARY.

MR. FRIER M'CAHE, PORT HOPE.

It is with regret that we notice the sad demise, Thursday morning of the late Peter McCabe, one of Port Hope's most respected citizens, and one who has held some of the highest municipal offices in the gift of the electorate. Deceased had been ailing for some few weeks past, but it was not considered serious, as he continued around much as usual. On the morning of his death, he complained of a slight headache, but went out on his mill, as was his custom, and about eight o'clock he was found lying on his face on the floor. Medical aid was summoned, but although he rallied slightly, he recognized no one. Apoplexy was the doctors' view, the cause of his death. He was born in Wexford County, Ireland, in 1828, and came to this country about 1850, and to Port Hope in 1861; for a number of years past he has been more or less extensively interested in the milling interest. His death will be mourned by a very large circle of friends, who knew his sterling worth and honor as a man and a friend; while his family loss a kind and loving husband and father, upon whose memory there rests not the shadow of wrong. We, with their friends, extend our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

The funeral of the late Peter McCabe took place on Sunday afternoon, and was a very large one, evidencing the high regard and esteem in which he was held by all classes of our citizens. On every side were heard warm expressions of respect for his high honor and integrity and deep regret at his sudden demise. He was the substantial, over-riding union, that exists between the Divine and the Human Nature in the One Divine Person, the Person of the Word. By this union, His Human Soul and His Human Body have become as truly and really parts of Himself as the Divine Nature, which is His from all eternity. The Manhood of Christ is the Manhood of Him Who is God, and Who, being God, claims in all that He is, adoration in fullest right. There is, therefore, no part of the Sacred Humanity of the same Divine Person, Jesus Christ, which by virtue of this Personal Union, is not adored with the highest honor, the very honor which is due to the uncreated and infinite perfection of the Eternal Word.

The fact of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity becoming Man for us does not, as St. Thomas says, make God more good nor more lovable in Himself; the Incarnate Word is not more worthy of love than the Word when not incarnate. But the inward excellence and beauty of the Divine Person, Jesus Christ, through the Incarnation, than they could otherwise have been. The Incarnation teaches and tells us more of God than it would have been possible for us to learn without it. By the Incarnation, Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity made Man, shows us that He has a love, a human love, of the most intense and perfect kind, for each and all of us. Through this, His human love for us, we are able to get a glimpse, a notion, of the Eternal Infinite Love, which His our God has always had for each of us.

Now, whatever portion of the Sacred Manhood represents vividly to us this human love of our Blessed Lord, may most usefully and most fitly be made the object of special adoration and love. His Sacred Soul, indeed, as containing in the noblest manner all the affections of love, in the truest and truest sense, is the object of our most perfect love. But the Soul is a Spirit, a something we cannot see nor picture to ourselves; and so cannot be a means of manifesting anything to us. We turn to the Heart, and we find that it fully expresses the love of the Sacred Man, the heart that cannot be mistaken, the ardent love of the Incarnate God.

It is known to all, by the common experience of life, that the passions and the emotions of the mind do have a direct and powerful effect upon the heart, and that the heart leaps when we hear sudden and exciting news; beats more quickly at the sight of the thought of a person or thing which we very much love; sinks, or beats more slowly, when great sorrow or misery comes upon us, and in moments of intense expectation and to assure them that our united prayers will