

C. M. B. A.

[OFFICIAL.]

Office of Grand President for Canada,
Brockville, Dec. 3rd, 1893.

BROTHERS:—An impression seems to prevail amongst some of our Quebec Brothers that their delegates to conventions are not eligible for the principal offices in the Grand Council, and that hereafter they will not have an equal control over the association funds with the other provinces. The section of the Ontario Insurance Act which was supposed to have their effect is sub. sec. 3 of sec. 17. The opinion of Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat has been had on the point and this will, I think, be sufficient to set the minds of our Quebec brothers at rest on that score. Mowat's opinion is contained in the letter published below. Faithfully yours,

O. K. FRASER.

Department of Attorney General of Ontario,
Toronto, 20th Nov., 1892.

DEAR SIR:—I received from Mr. Brown the papers referred to in your letter of the 1st, and I have now considered the question submitted to me in your letter as to the 3rd sub-section of section 17 of the insurance corporation act, 1891, namely, whether the sub-section applies where not all, but a majority only, of the officers and agents having the charge, possession, custody, or power of the fund are residents of Ontario. I am obliged to answer in the negative. The sub-section would certainly be held by the courts to be one which should be construed strictly, and not only does it say nothing of a majority, but the general purport of the clause would be thought to support the view that the case intended was where all are residents of Ontario; for if the enactment would even in that case be within the jurisdiction over persons not within the jurisdiction, and the enactment does not purport to be restricted to cases in which the fund is locally situated within the province, and on that ground within the jurisdiction; nor does it purport to be confined to cases where all the beneficiaries are residents, and I suppose that, as a matter of fact in the present case there may be beneficiaries resident in Quebec, as there is a trustee resident there. These and other circumstances would I think be judicially held to place beyond doubt the propriety of holding that the clause was only intended to apply where at all events all the trustees, officers and agents were residents, and does not apply to the case in reference to which my opinion is desired.

O. K. Fraser, Esq., Brockville, Ont.

O. Mowat.

The last issue of the C. M. B. A. weekly winds up its unbrotherly appeal for disunion in Canada with the following despairing wail.

"If the Quebec members cannot realize what this crazy agitation, this threatening attitude against the establishment of a Grand Council in Quebec means, when told by one who never intentionally deceived any member of the association by false statements nor imprudent advice, it will be for them to regret not having heeded that advice, when too late."

Of course the "agitation" must be crazy when not approved by Bro. Deare and all who are favorable to preserving Canadian Catholic unity are crazy. Consequently, on this question at least, the Archbishops of both Toronto and Montreal and nearly, if not all, the spiritual advisers, are out of their minds; the vast majority of the members and branches and Provinces of Canada have said good-bye to their brains; all the Canadian Grand Council officials and leading members of the association including Judges Landry, and Rionx, Bro. J. J. Curran, Q. C., M. P., M. F. Hackett, M. P., Dowdall, Litchford, Grand President Fraser and all the rest of them are stark, staring maniacs, and the one perfect set of brains in the association is now in the possession of the one "who never intentionally deceived any member of the association by false statements."

Amongst the several unfair and un-Catholic insinuations thrown out in the last issue of the C. M. B. A. weekly is that there is a possibility the association in Canada may some day be controlled by officers for life. The truth is that the very Insurance Act with which the weekly finds so much fault prevents this gross injustice, but the Supreme

Constitution permits it, and as a matter of fact there are now life members of the Supreme Council, whereas there can be none in Canada.

At the regular meeting of the C. M. B. A. Branch No. 177 Newcastle, N. B., the following preambles and resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted.

"Whereas, at the Hamilton Convention the assembled delegates, with very few exceptions expressed themselves in favor of a separate charter for the Dominion of Canada;—

And whereas, the said charter was in the usual course of events, and after long but amicable discussion granted by the representatives of the Supreme Council of the C. M. B. A. assembled at Montreal,

And whereas this Association is Catholic, that is to say Universal.—All embracing in spirit and in fact;—

Be it therefore resolved that the St. Mary's Branch No. 177 of the C. M. B. A., Newcastle, N. B., in regular meeting assembled, do cordially endorse the action of the Grand President in the premises, and sympathize with him in his efforts to maintain intact the Grand Council of the Dominion, as it at present exists.

And be it further resolved that this branch regard the action of certain agitators to the contrary as mischievous—fraught with injury to the Association at large, delusive in its aims, retarding as it must the progressive march of the Association.

And be it further resolved that the aforesaid preambles and resolutions be forwarded for publication to THE TRUE WITNESS, the C. M. B. A. Journal, and the Catholic Record.

JOHN MORRISSEY, President.

WM. P. HARRIMAN, Secretary
Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 6th., 1892.

Election of Officers, Branch 26.

On Monday evening a large and representative meeting of Branch 26, C. M. B. A., was held, at which fully one hundred members were present. The annual election of officers took place, when the following members were chosen:—President, Bro. P. Kelly; 1st vice-president, Bro. W. J. Kerr; 2nd vice-president, Bro. J. Kavanagh; recording secretary, Bro. F. C. Lawlor; assistant recording secretary, Bro. John Hamilton; treasurer, Bro. T. J. White; financial secretary, Bro. W. J. Scullion; marshal, Bro. John Lippin; and guard, Bro. J. Milloy.

THE HOME RULE FUND.

The List of Subscribers—A Good Commencement.

As stated last week we now furnish the names of those who subscribed, at the first meeting of the Home Rule Fund Committee held in St. Patrick's parish. Meetings will be duly held in all quarters of the city. Any sum from the part of a dollar upward will be gladly and thankfully accepted. The amounts will be all duly acknowledged in the TRUE WITNESS.

Hon. Edward Murphy.....	\$50.00
Dr. Hugston.....	50.00
Hon. J. J. Curran, Q. C., M. P.....	50.00
James O'Brien.....	50.00
P. McCrory.....	20.00
H. J. Kavanagh.....	20.00
P. Wright.....	20.00
J. P. Heffernan.....	10.00
W. E. Doran.....	10.00
Alderman W. H. Cunningham.....	10.00
John Hochman.....	5.00
F. Callahan.....	5.00
T. O'Connor.....	5.00
James Milloy.....	5.00
T. Styles.....	5.00
James Ryan.....	5.00
John O'Neill.....	5.00
A. Bogan.....	2.00
T. D. Franc.....	1.00
Peter Horne.....	1.00
M. Duggan.....	1.00
Cash paid to True Witness office.....	1.00

A Correction.

"Grandfather's" letter of last week suffered considerably in consequence of a page of the manuscript being inadvertently misplaced. The connecting link was only found after the head and tail of the letter were united in the press. We trust "Grandfather" will excuse an accident. His experience of many years in this world must teach him that there is more truth than poetry in the old saying, "there is many a slip between the cup and the lip."—Ed. T. W.

ST. GABRIEL'S BAZAAR.

A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

The Room Crowded Every Evening and Great Enthusiasm Manifested as Well as Energy Display on all sides.

The Grand Bazaar in St. Gabriel's parish, under the able direction of Rev. Father O'Meara, the energetic and devoted pastor or opened on Friday evening last and is likely to continue until next Monday. It is held in the basement of the new St. Gabriel's Church and so far it has been very well patronized and the interest it excites is yielding a good sum to the church treasury.

During the present week it will be open at 2.30 p.m. and will close at 6 p.m.; again opening at 7.30 p.m. and lasting until 10.30 p.m. On Monday evening the Beaver junior Lacrosse champions took tea at the Bazaar and had a gala time. On Tuesday evening the St. Gabriel's Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters had tea in the hall and their number was augmented by brethren from other courts of the city. To-night the C. M. B. A. will be the guests and a splendid spread will be laid. On Thursday evening an opportunity will be given to the friends of our own "Shamrocks" to meet them at a dinner to be given the famous players.

On Friday evening an oyster supper will be given to St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society and their friends. Each evening music will be furnished by a full orchestra, and the latest and choicest selections will enliven the different banquets. A diamond ring has been presented for competition between the members of the champion lacrosse clubs.

We might say that owing to the efforts of the ladies the Bazaar promises to be a great success. Great credit is due them for the manner in which they have exerted themselves and the numerous devices to which they have resorted in order to make the whole enterprise most attractive and most remunerative. However, we must not omit to pay a highly deserved tribute to the good pastor, Rev. Father O'Meara. In the midst of all his noble parochial undertakings, despite all the vexatious obstacles that thoughtlessness, hot-headedness and perverseness have cast in his way, he has been able to find time to organize this grand Bazaar, and to push forward the interests of his rapidly increasing parish, with an ability and energy that challenges the admiration of every person. Needless to say that we wish Father O'Meara every possible success in this and in every other enterprise his priestly devotion may suggest.

THAT GLORIOUS HYMN.

The "Salve Regina."

One of the sweetest and most beautiful hymns or antiphons with which the Catholic Church salutes the ever-blessed Mother of God is undoubtedly the "Salve Regina," or "Hail Holy Queen." It rises daily from the lips of many thousands of priests and religious at the end of Compline, and the faithful are wont to include it in their evening prayers. It is a suppliant prayer, a cry for help, and who can read it attentively without being deeply impressed by its meaning? Surely it must be most acceptable to the tender heart of Mary.

This favorite prayer was composed by a Benedictine monk called Hermanus Contractus, or Herman the Lame. Herman was the son of Count Wolfrath II. and Hiltrude, and was born in the year 1013. Of fourteen children he was apparently the most unfortunate, for, when about six years old, he caught a severe cold, in consequence of which his limbs were so contracted that he obtained the surname of "Contractus," or the Lame. In the hour of trial he had recourse to the Comfortress of the afflicted, and sought her assistance. Nor did he seek in vain. Restored to health, he was allowed to visit the monastery school of St. Gall's, in Switzerland. His quiet and amiable disposition won him many friends, and his great learning the highest honors in the monastery. At the age of thirty he took his solemn vows. According to Trithemius, he was thoroughly skilled in philosophy, astronomy, poetry, rhetoric and music, and was conversant with the Latin, Greek, Arabic and Hebrew languages. The most important of

his writings, at least, as far as they have come down to us, is his "Chronicle." It extends from the birth of our Lord up to the death of the author, A. D. 1054, and is of great documentary value to the historian.

The concluding words of the Salve Regina: "O clement, O loving, O most sweet Virgin Mary," were added, as is well known, by St. Bernard about the year 1146. St. Bernard was commissioned by Pope Eugene III. to preach a crusade, or military expedition, for the recovery of the Holy Land. The saint readily complied with the wish of the Pope, and preached with truly apostolic zeal at Constance, Basle, Treiburg, Cologne and other cities. On Christmas Eve he came to Spire, and was accompanied to the cathedral by the bishop and the people in solemn procession. Conrad III. and the princes of the empire who were assembled at the Reichstag, or Imperial Diet at Spire, received the saint with every mark of distinction. On entering the Dom, the "Salve Regina" was intoned with the greatest enthusiasm. St. Bernard was deeply moved, and as the last words resounded: "After this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus," the saint exclaimed: "O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria"—"O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary."

The inhabitants of Spire have perpetuated the event on four plates of brass in their famous cathedral. On the first plate near the principal entrance are inscribed the words: "O clemens"; on the second, "O pia"; on the third, "O dulcis"; and on the fourth, at the foot of the Blessed Virgin's altar, "Virgo Maria."

Such, dear reader, is the origin of the "Salve Regina."—*Francis in Franciscan Tectury.*

Forty Hours.

Tuesday the exercise of the Forty Hours were held at St. Ligouri; tomorrow they will be held at Ste. Emilie; and on Sunday at St. Ambroise.

Ordinations.

On Sunday morning last, at the Cathedral Chapel, His Grace the Archbishop administered the sacrament of Holy Orders. On next Saturday morning the ordination services will be held in the Grand Seminary on Sherbrooke Street.

Directions About Sick Calls.

1. Let the priest be sent for at an early stage of the illness, when the mind of the sick person possesses its full vigor.
2. On a table, covered with a white cloth, should be placed a crucifix, holy water, a candle, communion card (or a substitute for one), a glass of water, and a spoon.
3. The family should be kneeling around the sick bed whilst the Sacraments are being administered.
4. After the priest's departure the friends of the sick person should, from time to time, suggest prayers, especially acts of contrition and of love of God.
5. If other duties prevent the priest from calling as often as desired, let him be sent for again and again.
6. When the case is not urgent, word should be sent before nine o'clock in the morning, but in case of sudden illness the priest should be summoned at once—either day or night.—*Catholic Citizen.*

How He Escaped a Debt.

The celebrated French poet, Saint-Foix, who, in spite of his large income, was always in debt, sat one day in a barber's shop waiting to be shaved. He was lathered, when the door opened and a tradesman entered who happened to be one of the poet's largest creditors. No sooner did this man see Saint-Foix than he angrily demanded his money. The poet composedly begged him not to make a scene. "Won't you wait for the money until I am shaved?" "Certainly," said the other, pleased at the prospect. Saint-Foix then made the barber a witness of the agreement, and immediately took a towel, wiped the lather from his face, and left the shop. He wore a beard to the end of his days.

In the proud lexicon of the modern farmer there is no such a word as fail.

A "pound" of precaution is worth several tons of hydrophobia cure.

Patrons of husbandry—Mothers with marriageable daughters.