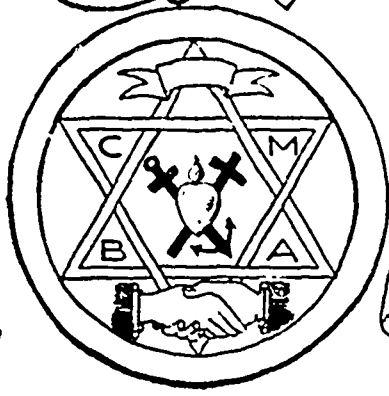


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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

Official Notice of a Special Assessment.

Notice is hereby officially given to each and every member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, that in addition to the regular No. 7 assessment for the month of June, 1897, a special assessment is also required to be paid within thirty days from the 15th June, in the same manner and of the same amount as said No. 7 assessment. This, in connection with the statement on page four of this issue, will be the only notice of such special assessment to our members, and is given in compliance with Sections 7 and 8 of the C. M. B. A. constitution.

Officers of Branches are requested to be as prompt as possible in remitting the amount of these two assessments. It requires twenty two thousand dollars to pay the beneficiaries of the twelve deceased brothers reported on the statement of assessments for this month.

SAM R. BROWN,
Grand Secretary,
London, Ont., June 1, 1897.

NOTES.

The Per Capita Tax, Initiation Tax and Supervising Medical Examiner's Fees for the quarter ending 31st. March 1897 are over due. Branch officers will please take note of this.

If you cannot do anything better to get new members into your Branch, you could lend to a desirable applicant your copy of THE CANADIAN. Several members have informed us that they secured applications in that way.

The Canadian Workman says:— A brother writes:—There is no excuse for our Medical Examiners passing men who die in 12 months afterward with consumption, cancer or Bright's disease of the kidneys, and it is a disgrace to the profession that such a fact.

The Grand Deputies of the C. M. B. A. in Toronto, have divided the branches as follows:

Grand Deputy Brother P. J. Rooney takes Branches 10, and 111 Grand Deputy Brother J. J. O'Hearn, takes Branches 15, 85, and 289, and Grand Deputy W. T. Kernahan, takes Branches 111, and 115

Suspensions — Many delinquent members do not realize the danger in which they place their families by neglect of a plain obligation. The law of our Association is very clear. If a member neglects to pay his assessments "on or before the 3rd, day of the next ensuing month" he stands suspended by his own act of neglect. The mere fact the Financial Secretary does not report his suspension is not material as to the consequences. Should he die while under suspension his beneficiaries have no claim on the Association, because such members had not fulfilled his own obligation.

The fourth annual excursion of the combined Toronto branches will be held on Tuesday, 13th July, at Prospect Park Oshawa, leaving Toronto on the new steamer Garden City, at 8:15 a. m.

Arrangements have been made by which the whole party will be taken from the wharf to the Park on the electric railway in one section. A committee visited the Park and made arrangements with the Rev. Father Jeffcott to have meals provided at very moderate rates for those who desire them.

We wish our Toronto Brothers and their friends who may accompany them a pleasant and profitable outing.

NEW BRANCHES.

Branch No 281 was organized on May 1th, at Tignish, P. E. I., by Grand Deputy S. M. Bent.

The following is the list of officers: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. D. W. Macdonald

President, Patrick Chs. Murphy
First Vice-President, Joseph John Arsenault
Second Vice-President, Peter Robert Kitch

Recording Secretary, Jerome Brien
Asst. Rec. Sec., John Edward Galant

Financial Secretary, Terrence John Hackett.

Treasurer, Charles Dalton
Marshal, J. Albert Brennan
Guard, Hubert Gaudet
Trustees, John Benjamin Gaudet, Frs. Joseph Buote, Wm. Patrick Callahan, Daniel O'Brien, Amable Bernard.

Branch No 282 was organized on May 12, at St. Louis, N. B., by Grand Deputy Dr. L. J. Belliveau. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Jos. Peltier
President, Hidulpho Barricault
First Vice President, Basile J. Johnson

Second Vice President, Jas Mazerolle

Recording Secretary, Urban Babin

Asst. Rec. Sec., Marcel J. Poirier
Financial Secretary, Philoromo Legere

Treasurer, Joseph Allaire
Marshal, Pierre F. N. Vautour
Guard, Auguste Babineau

Trustees, Pierre Albert Vautour, Marcel J. Poirier, James Mazerolle, Fidelis B. Richard and Pierre L. Vautour.

Branch No 283 was organized on May 17, at St. Germain de Grantham, Que., by Grand Deputy Rev. Ouil Milot. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Pierre A. Labrun

President, Rev. Pierre A. Labrun
First Vice President, Joseph L. Theroux dit Piesist

Second Vice President, Nelson Ndederer

Recording Secretary, Louis A. Brien
Asst. Rec. Sec., Wilfred Desllets
Financial Secretary, Dr. Damaso Larue

Treasurer, Leon Narcisse Cotnoir
Marshal, Hector Dubuc
Guard, Euclide Duhamel

Trustees, Paul Rajotte, Louis Sarrazin, Albert Belhumeur, Euclide Duhamel and Joseph Labreche.

Honor Roll.

Branch No. 15, Tecumseh, Ont., heads the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations during the month of April, having initiated thirty four members.

Branch No. 18, Niagara Falls, Ont.,

2008-10-11 member, having initiated two members.
Branch No. 17, Halifax, N. S., initiated ten members, and Branch No. 75, Fene arguisthene, Ont., ten members.

Initiations in April, 1897.

Initiations du Mois d'Avril, 1897.

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Les initiations de la derniere succursale sont des membres fondateurs.

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Correspondents will please remember that copy must reach us before the 15th of the month, in order to be published in the following month's issue, and that space is limited in the monthly publication.

Address all communications to

B. B. BROWN,
Editor and Manager.Coute Block, Dundas Street,
London, Ont.

LONDON, JUNE, 1897.

BONDS OF OFFICERS.

The officers of branches required by our C. M. B. A. constitution to give bonds are the Financial Secretaries and the Treasurers.

Sections 176 and 177 regulate the amount of such bonds; section 131 defines the kind of bonds to be given, and section 132 the security or indemnity association to which the said officers must apply for bonds. In our January issue we notified all concerned that the Grand President and Board of Trustees had selected "The Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited;" that the agents, to whom application for bonds was to be made by our officers were Messrs. Schmidt and McKeon, Montreal, Que.

As some of our officers did not feel inclined to answer all the questions on the form of application for bonds, we were authorized by Messrs. Schmidt and McKeon to state in our March issue, that "should your officers object to any of the questions of the application form, such questions may be answered at the discretion of the applicant, but all replies are confidential."

The rate charged by the company selected is 50 cents per \$1000 bonds. This is considered a fairly low rate.

Sufficient time, we think, has now elapsed for all our branches to have complied with this law of the association, but not more than one half the number has done so.

This is certainly wrong — Said branches are not only violating the constitution but are ignoring the orders of their Grand President and Board of Trustees. Of course we admit this Guarantee Bond-business is now to our Branch officers, this being its first year, and that a certain allowance must be made and a little time allowed our officers to become acquainted with their duties in this regard, but we sincerely trust that as now the law has been made clear, those branches that have not already done so will have their Financial Secretaries and Treasurers make application to the above mentioned agents for bonds, and thus enable our Grand

Council to complete its arrangements with the Guarantee Company referred to

DR HANAVAN'S DEATH.

The death of our Brother Dr M J Hanavan will be learned with the deepest regret by C. M. B. A. members throughout Canada.

He was Surgeon, Lieut. Col. of Wolseley Barracks in London, Ont., and died at the Barracks hospital on Tuesday 1st inst., from a severe attack of blood poisoning.

The doctor was born in Canada, on June 5, 1842. His father, James Hanavan, was a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, and came to this country about the year 1825, settling upon a farm. The doctor was the youngest of eleven children, and in 1866 graduated with honors at Toronto university. Shortly after, he commenced active practice as a contract surgeon in the American army, during the latter part of the civil war, after which he attended the New York hospitals for a season. He then came back to Ontario and settled at Stratford, when, after nearly twenty one years of practice, he accepted the position of surgeon to the Infantry Corps or School in this city, and removed thither in November, 1888. Previous to this he passed a military examination at Toronto, and was for seventeen years surgeon of the 28th (Perth) Battalion. On leaving Stratford he was tendered a banquet by the officers of the 28th Battalion and their friends, and presented with a valuable watch and complimentary address by the citizens, and with an address and easy chair by the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. While a resident of Stratford he filled the offices of Alderman and School Trustee, and always took an active part in everything which tended to benefit his adopted home. The doctor was married in 1875 to Miss Mary Kidd, of Dublin, County Perth, and a family of seven children was born to them—five sons and two daughters.

Brother Hanavan joined the C. M. B. A. as a charter member of Branch 13, Stratford, Ont. He was chosen representative of this branch to the Grand Council of Convention at Brantford in May 1881. At this convention he was elected Supervising Medical Examiner of the C. M. B. A. of Canada. He was re-elected to the same position at the Conventions held in Stratford in 1886, Toronto in 1888, and Montreal in 1890, and discharged his duty faithfully and well until his successor was appointed in September 1892. He was an enthusiastic worker in the C. M. B. A. cause and was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

His wife and children have our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. Dr. Hanavan was a loving husband and indulgent father.

May he rest in peace!

Department of Insurance, Ontario.

No 500

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY AS INSURANCE COMPANY

WHEREAS by the application of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada made pursuant to The Insurance Corporation Act, 1892 and the Acts amending and consolidating the same, it has been made to appear to the undersigned, the Inspector of Insurance for the Province of Ontario, that the said applicant is entitled to registry as an insurance company:

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the said Company is accordingly registered for the transaction of Life Insurance on the assessment plan in the Province of Ontario, for the term beginning on the first day of May 1897, and ending on the thirtieth day of April 1898, subject to the provisions of the aforesaid acts.

J. HOWARD HUNTER,

Inspector of Insurance.

Entered on the Insurance License Register No. 805, Folio 57.

WILL J. VALE, Entry Clerk.

Under the Insurance Act,

(Being Chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes of Canada and amendments thereto)

Ottawa, 31st. March, 1897.

THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION No. 5 issued to the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada for the transaction of Assessment Life Insurance business in the Dominion of Canada is hereby renewed till the thirty-first day of March 1898

J. M. Courtney,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

Wm. Fitzgerald,
Superintendent of Insurance.

The Month of the Sacred Heart.

One of the features of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, now so popular, is the dedication of the month of June to the special service and honor of this loving, Divine Heart. This devotion has the formal approval of the Church. The papal decree approving it contains the following explanation of the principle on which it rests—an explanation at once authoritative and clear. The faithful worship with supreme adoration the physical Heart of Jesus, as the Heart of the Person of the Word to which it is inseparably united. If it be asked why the heart is selected as the object of special adoration, the answer is that the real and physical heart is a natural symbol of Christ's charity.

The Church bids us to have recourse to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, mindful of the love with which He loved "even unto the end," and wishes us to remember that the opening of His Sacred Side on the cross was the first invitation to this perennial source of all blessings. Let us, then, especially during this month of June, gather around the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a time when all Catholics ought to make the most uncompromising profession of their religion, of their fidelity to it, of their love for it. The enemies of Catholicity scoff at our devotion to the Sacred Heart: we glory in it as a sound, true and Catholic devotion, recommended to us by the Church. Its wonderful efficacy is daily demonstrated in all those who practice it. Its sweet consolation soothes and cheers

the broken and grieving heart; it enlivens faith, inspires hope, and inflames charity. It blends itself with all the actions of those who practice it, and thus serves as an admirable antidote to that worldly spirit which seeks to keep religion apart from the temporal pursuits and interest of life.

From Branch No. 1 to Brother F. Girardot.

Windsor, Ont., May, 17, 1897.

F Girardot, Esq., Sandwich, Ont.

Dear Sir and Bro.—At a regular meeting of Branch No. 1 C. M. B. A. held on the evening of the 13th inst., moved by Bro. S. Giguac seconded by Bro. D. L. McKeon and unanimously carried that the recording secretary be instructed to send a letter of sympathy and brotherly feeling to you on the death of your venerable mother.

We know that no words can make amends for the loss you have sustained, and we deeply realize that expressions of condolence wholly fail to restore the dearly beloved mother whose kind heart, genial, social, affable and amiable disposition, combined with every noble quality, gained for her the respect, esteem and admiration of all those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

She lived the greater part of her long and useful life in that grand old historic town of Sandwich till death summoned her to the enjoyment of eternal bliss, for which it is hoped and believed her Christian life and cheerful resignation to God's will, when she learned her time on earth was about ended, prepared her pure soul.

In the early days when the pioneer's axe made music in this fertile section, and awoke echoes that had slumbered throughout the ages, when brain and muscle were at every point making inroads upon primeval forests and paving the way to transmute the rich virgin soil into golden grain, the home of the Girardot's was the centre of a circle within which are now to be seen prosperous trade centres, many flourishing towns and villages and happy homesteads.

The trading point was then, the commercial Mecca of a generation of whom very few now survive. It was the one home in the area enveloped in the "fierce light that beats around a throne." Mr. and Mrs. Girardot in those days entertained the church dignitary, the judges on Circuit, the missionary priest, the early fathers of the pioneers sent to minister unto them, all in fact, who went that way whether on a spiritual or judicial mission engaged in the grosser quest of land for settlement or speculation, your revered mother's home was frequented too by all the settlers, she knew and was known by them all, and many a care was mitigated, many a pinch of sorrow alleviated through kindly influence.

The future of many pioneers whose descendants are in affluence to day lay for many a year in your honored and respected father's and your venerable and lamented mother's hands.

There is no doubt of it that the kindness and leniency shown by this noble couple had much to do with the establishment of peace and plenty among the early pioneers.

The heartfelt and sincere sympathy of the members of our branch of which you are an honorable and distinguished member mourn with you and the family with sympathy and brotherly feeling.

I remain yours fraternally
P. M. KROON, Rec. Sec.

A PLEASANT EVENING AT THE BELLEVUE.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Bellevue Hotel by the members of the C. M. B. A. Branch 251 on Friday last, the 14th inst., at a dinner given in honor of the Cahill Brothers, (P. J. & Frank) on the eve of their departure for British Columbia. At 11:30 p. m. dinner was announced. It was a feast in every sense of the word. Those who attended speak in highest praise of the quality and the manner in which it was served. Every detail of the entertainment was carried out satisfactorily and with great pleasure to the guests. President P. C. Murphy, M. D., presided, having to his right the honored guests; to his left Revs. A. E. Burke and J. S. Turbide. After justice had been done the excellent dinner, an impromptu toast list was prepared. "The Queen" being proposed, all present rose and sang the National Anthem. This brought Mr. E. Hackett to his feet, and in his usual and manner made a short address. Mr. E. J. Baote proposed "Our Guests," which was ably sustained by Mr. John P. Brennan. The President proposed the "C. M. B. A.," which was heartily received by all present and brought forth a splendid address by Rev. A. E. Burke, who dwelt at length upon the good that had been and will continue to be done by the C. M. B. A. Mr. Chas. Dalton also gave expressions of encouragement to the branch. The "clergy" was next proposed and brought the Rev. J. S. Turbide on in his usual happy mood in a short address in French. The President then proposed the "Parliament of Canada," which was responded to by M. E. Hackett giving a brief but brilliant synopsis of our Canadian Parliament. "The Press" was received by singing "They are Jolly Good Fellows" (and so they are) replied to by Mr. E. J. Baote. "Mercantile Pursuit" gave Messrs. J. A. Brennan & J. J. Arsenault a cue for a sudden burst of eloquence. "Civil Service" responded to by Messrs. J. P. Brennan and Capt. F. Gallant. "The Ladies" A great deal of praise and happy expressions were given the Ladies by Messrs. C. Murphy and J. E. Gallant. "Our Hostess" was the last toast on the programme, and was responded to by Mr. E. Hackett. Then followed the singing of the time-honored "Auld Lang Syne," which concluded one of the most pleasant evenings ever spent in the hall.

Following is the bill of fare which received all the praise, which Miss M. McElroy richly gained by the attentive and excellent manner in which the dinner was carried out.

—MENU—

- 1st. Tomato bisque soup and toasted crackers.
- 2nd. Cream roll of fish, peas, potatoes, croquettes, oives.
- 3rd. Fillet of beef, vegetables, pickles, currant jelly.
- 4th. Lobster salad, hot rolls and butter balls.
- 5th. Tapioca cream, ice cream, orange cake and macaroons.
- 6th. Tea and coffee.
- 7th. Cheese and crackers. Oranges and apples.

Messrs. P. J. and Frank Cahill, in honor of whom the banquet was given, have taken their departure for British Columbia. It is the intention of the Cahill brothers to travel in Stocan, where they intend to devote their time to gold mining. We wish the Cahill brothers, in their new

field of labor, all the prosperity they richly deserve.—L'Impartial.

Tenth Anniversary of Branch 56, Hamilton.

Branch 56 of the C. M. B. A. celebrated its 10th anniversary by holding a smoking concert in their hall on Tuesday evening, May 11, 1897. The chair was occupied by B. J. Conway, and the hall was filled by a happy assembly of stalwart young Catholics and their friends.

Rev. Father Hinchey, the popular Spiritual Adviser of the branch, delivered a brief address to those present. He dwelt on the benefits to be derived from societies in general and from organizations such as the C. M. B. A. In particular "Nothing," he said, more clearly shows the contrast between civilization and barbarism, between paganism and Christianity, than the fact that, while the barbarians and the pagans left their poor and unfortunate, their widows and orphans to die by the wayside, it is not only the duty, but the pleasant privilege of the Christian to aid those on whom fortune has turned her gloomy frown. Athens, in all her boasted culture, and Rome, in all her imperial sway, was not arrayed with the mantle of charity, which so befittingly covers the humblest Christian organization. The Rev. Father spoke with pride on the progress which the C. M. B. A. has made in the twenty years of its existence, and claimed that it must succeed, because its foundations were laid on the everlasting principles of love for God and love for mankind. The society educates men in sobriety, integrity and frugality, and its tendency is to elevate and ennoble those who come under its influences.

Beginning twenty years ago with fifty seven members and \$57.00 it has gone on and prospered, until it numbers at the present time about 50,000 members and has distributed \$7,000,000 among the heirs of those who have passed to the great beyond.

The local branch consists of 97 members—men who look on the serious side of life, who feel their responsibilities, who are alive to the needs of the order, and at whose hands the interest of those depending on them are entirely safe.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. E. G. Payne, V. B. Whipple, H. N. Thomas, M. F. O'Brien, A. T. Filgiano and B. J. Conway. J. M. Boyes and J. F. Morrissey played instrumental solos, and P. McGarrity and P. Obermeyer contributed recitations.

The evening was a most enjoyable one, and those present were loud in their praises of the committee having the entertainment in hand.

The committee was composed of J. J. Bucko, E. J. Freel, J. Burns, M. T. Fitzpatrick, B. J. Conway and W. A. D. Baby, the committee's energetic Secretary.

Address and Presentation to Rev. Father W. B. McDonald.

Dear Rev. Father, Sir and Brother: The members of Branch 279, having learned with pleasure that you are about to become a member of the association, beg to take this opportunity of expressing their delight and appreciation of the gain of so good and holy a spiritual adviser, by presenting you with this pin.

We know we have won one that will be faithful in the discharge of his duties and an able advocate at all suitable times and occasions of the grand principles on which this noble Catholic organization is founded. In expressing these good wishes to you, we

vice not only the sentiments of Branch 279 but of the congregation of Lourdes parish and the high esteem in which you are held by other deacons.

Your work has a value for you which you can not enter into with pleasure. By going to be remembered in your prayers, and with the ardent wish that you may be long and many long years of usefulness in your ministry, we are well and very glad for a brother of the association of the C. M. B. A.

Signed on behalf of Branch 279, President, James Mahony, Chancellor, David J. Pearson; Rev. S. A. Alexander, Treasurer, Matthew Mahony.

Rev. Father McDonald replied as follows: Mr. President and Brothers.

In reply to your very interesting address I must confess that I feel very gratified by the exceeding kind sentiments that are contained therein. Knowing, however, from long experience that you are an eloquent and able speaker, your expressions of kindness toward me, I feel very grateful to you indeed. It is true that there are many changes for the better in the parish of Lourdes since my coming among you, yet these changes are not due to any individual effort of mine so much as to the ready and generous response upon all occasions, by my good parishioners, to the many calls which circumstances compelled me to make on them. The valuable church and school property which we today own, and the smiling village of Lourdes in which we live, are all the outcome and growth of the happy relationship and union which ever existed between my good people and myself. By this new bond of the C. M. B. A. brotherhood, we will be able to extend our efforts to now and larger fields of good works. With this hope in view, let us set sail and never change the course which points to the fair harbor of prosperity and final success.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Branch 133, St. John, N. B., held a public anniversary meeting in St. Patrick's hall, on the 20th May, being the seventh year of its existence, which was attended by a very large number of the congregation and combined both business and pleasure. A very nice programme was prepared, and the following ladies and gentlemen kindly took part.

Opening, Chancellor W. E. Scully. Duet, Bros. Thos. Fitzgerald and Thos. Morrissey.

Piano solo, F. A. McDonald. Address, C. M. B. A. origin, cost and benefits, by the President, P. J. O'Keefe.

Banjo solo and songs, Walter King. Piano solo, Miss Selma O'Keefe. Song and violin solo, Miss Bessie Wetmore.

Song, Thomas M. Caffrey. Violin solo, Miss Geary. Song, President of 181 E. O'Connor.

After which supper was served to about fifty couples by Brother Peter Wilson in a most satisfactory manner and a few hours more spent by the visitors from Fairville Branch 181 and local members in the usual enjoyments. All pronounced the meeting an unqualified success from a C. M. B. A. standpoint. The President's address occupied three quarters of an hour and was very clear to our members, many of whom were present, and the hope was expressed that the result will be many new members in the near future.

Entertainment

The C. M. B. A. progressive euchre party given by the Board of Management of Branches 132 and 180 in their rooms, Barrington street, Halifax, N. S., on April 28, was very enjoyable and was a grand success.

The following brothers attended, with their lady friends:

- T. J. Egan, J. J. Burns, W. A. Monaghan, Thos. Foley, John Foley, T. Griffin, W. C. Mountain, J. D. O'Connor, Jas. F. Carr, J. J. Ratchford, Marston McCaulay, J. A. Neville, Mr. Nigh, W. J. Power, Mr. Larkin, Andrew Mackassy, Charles Martin, J. J. Power, G. A. Ferris, W. J. Egan,

- H. Silver, J. Gorman, D. H. Haley, P. J. Griffin, J. O'Donnell, W. R. Lagin, J. F. Lutz, Mr. Kinsman, J. M. O'Leary, A. O'Brien and W. J. Power.

After the games were over, light refreshments were served, and the party presented by Bro. T. J. Egan, Chairman of the Room Committee, assisted by Bro. W. J. Power, Secretary, as follows:

Thos. Foley, silver mounted walking stick; Miss O'Donnell, a purse.

The committee hope to have several euchre parties next fall and winter.

They have lately purchased for the rooms a handsome pool table, which will prove a great attraction to members of the city branches and the brothers of the Association who may happen to visit the city down by the sea, and who will be warmly welcomed by the officers and members of Branches 132 and 180.

The board of management hope to hold their annual picnic, on June 21, at Prince's Lodge.

It will be a good way to celebrate Her Majesty's diamond jubilee by attending this picnic, which will be held on the beautiful grounds which were once occupied by Her father, the Duke of Kent.

LECTURE AND MUSICAL VESPERS.

On Sunday evening, May 16th, grand musical vespers and a lecture under the auspices of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, took place in St. Mary's Church, Barrie, Ont.

The lecture on the advantages of the C. M. B. A. was delivered by Father Burke, the eloquent young pastor of Oakville. The church was thronged to its utmost capacity by an appreciative audience, who were delighted and instructed by the eloquent lecturer.

The vespers were chanted by Very Rev. Dan Egan, assisted by St. Mary's choir, under the leadership of Professor O'Meara. The choir acquitted itself in its usual brilliant manner.

After the lecture a large collection was taken up in aid of the funds of St. Vincent de Paul society.

Branch 51 marched in a body, wearing their badges, from their hall to the church.

Organization of Branch No. 231.

On Tuesday evening last, Mr. S. M. Bent, Grand Deputy, organized a new branch of the C. M. B. A. at Tignish, with a membership of seventeen—including several who were transferred from Branch 214, Alberton.

The new branch, which is No. 231, starts under the most favorable auspices, and with the prospect of a very large membership in the near future. It meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. After the officers were installed, and the work of organization completed, a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Bro. Rev. D. Chaisson, seconded by Bro. F. J. Baote, and supported by Rev. Father Turbide and others, was tendered the Grand Deputy, and suitably acknowledged. Bros. W. D. White, John P. Brennan and J. P. Cunningham, of Alberton branch, were present and rendered valuable assistance in the work of organization, which occupied about three hours.—The Prince Edward Island Agriculturist, May 8, 1897.

Supper and Presentation

A gathering of a number of friends of Bro P J Flanagan, who is about to leave Prince Albert on the invitation of the members of Branch 232 C M B A, took place in the dining parlor of Aug Germain restaurant on Wednesday evening, May 1st, where an elegant supper was partaken of by the assembled guests.

We have learned with deep regret that you are about to leave our midst and to make your future home in a far off province of our fair Dominion. Brother, we do not wish you to depart without expressing to you the esteem in which you are held in this branch of the C M B A, and to express to you our sorrow at your departure.

We will miss you from our meetings and councils; you never failed to be with us when the interests of our branch required your presence and influence, and we feel in your departure the loss of a worthy member, a true friend and an ardent supporter of our grand association.

In saying good bye our hearts will go out to you, and our prayers will be that the Divine Ruler of all our actions will guide and prosper you and yours in your future home.

Signed, A. McDonald, J. A Vachon, G. W. Lacroix, Committe.

Bro. Flanagan replied in a few well chosen remarks, thanking the many brothers and friends for their courtesy and friendship while in Prince Albert, and that they would not be forgotten by him.

To the toast "The Spiritual Influence of the C. M. B. A., His Lordship Bishop Pascal and Rev. Father Bourdeau replied with eloquent addresses.

Our Clergy and Educational Institutions," was replied to by Louis Schmidt and J. G. Plillon in neat speeches.

A song by Gus Fournier was also much appreciated. "The Ladies" brought forward G. R. Russell and J. A. Vachon.

At this stage of the evening the vice president, Bro. Dug, again there were good words presented by Bro. Flanagan with the association's visiting card.

Why we have the C. M. B. A., and what its name was was handled by Bro. McDonald, and "Sister Societies" by Bro. H. Lacroix and W. Lacroix. A song by Gus Fournier was also much appreciated.

Bro. Flanagan, a vote of thanks was received and enthusiastically carried by all, and then the evening closed by singing to Mrs. Dug's organ, and an interesting and useful address on this occasion.

Address to Brother Jacob Helm.

Dear Sir and Bro. Permit us on this occasion to present you with this brief address, as we, the members in our Branch No. 19, C. M. B. A., Ingersoll, could not let you take your departure without showing that respect which we hold for you.

leaving for a distant town, and where ever your lot may be cast, we hope you will always think of the members of this branch and the many hours we have spent together.

That your future prosperity will turn out most beneficial to yourself and family is the wish of the members of the C. M. B. A. in Ingersoll.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH KERWIN.

We express our deep sympathy and that of a wide circle of friends with our worthy fellow citizens, Messrs. P. J. and Luke Kerwin, upon the death of their beloved mother, who was called to her eternal rest on Friday 21st April.

In the hour of affliction, we respectfully beg to be permitted to contribute our humble share to the general tribute of sorrow which has been called forth from the whole community by the painful bereavement that has befallen an estimable family. With Mrs. Kerwin, there has passed away forever another of the "old standers" of St. Patrick's Church, another of those good Irish Catholic wives and mothers, whose lives were models of all the Christian and domestic virtues and who have left behind them honored representatives of their name and stock, the good old Wexford stock, which contributed so many strong arms and brave hearts to the industrial, commercial and social life of Quebec during the last half century and upwards.

Even when the children have grown up and assumed cares and responsibilities of their own, the loss of such a mother must necessarily create a painful break in the affections of home, which all can understand and with which all will condole. The funeral took place from the residence of the deceased's son, our neighbor, Mr. Luke Kerwin, and was a fitting tribute of respect both to the dead and the living.

The cortege, which followed the remains to St. Patrick's, was exceedingly large and representative of all sections of the city and classes of our population. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. Humphrey, Jas. Harkins, R. Dawson, P. Kirwin, P. Hagan and S. Sheridan, and the chief mourners were the deceased's sons, Messrs. P. J., Michael and Luke Kerwin, P. Berrigan and J. Keine and other near relatives.

St. Patrick's Church was very heavily draped, and the Requiem Mass at which Rev. Father Maloney, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Bains and Woods as deacon and subdeacon, officiated was a solemn and imposing one.

The pall bearers under the direction of Mr. Berrigan, was increased by the addition of Messrs. P. E. Lacroix, F. Lacroix, J. J. Lane and J. O. N. O. The ladies of the congregation, singing the solo and duet, and the organ and Comptroller. Prof. D. H. Brown presided at the organ.

At the time of the C. M. B. A. convention held in St. John, N. B., Sept. 1894, the Misses Barke took an active

part in the festivities there. A number of the lady delegates were entertained at the residence of Inspector Burke and spent a very pleasant evening. They will learn with the deepest regret of the great affliction that has befallen Mr. and Mrs. Burko in the loss of two lovely daughters in early womanhood.

JUBILEE ADDRESS.

From the Parliament of Canada to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday June 22nd, Hon. Mr. Laurier moved that the

House consider the address to her Majesty, which had been passed by the Senate. In doing so he said: "I am sure the House will appreciate the language of that address. It seems to me to convey in very felicitous terms some of the splendors of what would be known in future ages as the Victorian era. It has been our privilege, and I may say a privilege which will be more and more appreciated as time goes on, to live under what is certainly one of the most illustrious reigns in all history—certainly the most glorious of British history. In many respects the reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria resembles, and in other respects surpasses the reign of Louis XIV. of France. In the number of years the reign of her Majesty approaches, though it does not yet equal, the reign of Louis XIV. In many respects it equals and in some other respects it surpasses the reign

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

June Assessments. Cotisations du mois de Juin. | Nos. 7 & Special. Deaths | Déces | Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50.

The Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada.

Secretary's Office, London, June 1, 1897.

Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby officially notified of the deaths of the following named brothers:

Le Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.

Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., 1^{er} Juin, 1897.

Cher Monsieur et Frère—Vous êtes, par le présent officiellement notifié du décès des frères ci-après nommés:

Table with columns: NO., NAME, BRANCH, LOCATION, POLICE, ADMITTED, DIED, CAUSE OF DEATH. Lists members like William V. Lynch, John B. Lynch, John B. Trambly, Patrick Butler, etc.

Deaths Nos. 39 and 40 not placed in regular order, proof of death not having been received in time.

THE AMOUNT OF TWO ASSESSMENTS IS REQUIRED from each member—the regular No 7 or June, and a Special Assessment.

Les dé. Nos. 39 et 40 ne sont pas rapportés dans l'ordre régulier, la preuve n'ayant pas été reçue en temps.

LE MONTANT DE DEUX COTISATIONS EST REQUIS de chaque membre—la cotisation régul ère No. 7 pour Juin, et une Cotisation Spéciale.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for May, 1897.

Financial statement table with columns: Amount on hand May 1st, Received during May from, BENEFICIARY FUND, CR., and Reserve Fund.

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1897, to date, and Total amount paid to the Beneficiary Fund since 1st January, 1897, to date.

RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RESERVE.

Table showing Reserve Fund details for 1897, including amount on hand and various receipts.

Total amount of Reserve Fund collected since 1st January, 1897, to date.

Brothers, - That regarding statement of Assessment No. 7 (June Assessment) and a Special Assessment is given in compliance with Section 14 of our Constitution. The regular No. 7 Assessment is given in our Constitution. You must pay the regular No. 7 Assessment to the Fin. Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of July, 1897, and the Special Assessment on or before the fifteenth day of July. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of the regular No. 7 Assessment on or before the 9th day of July, and the Special Assessment on or before the 21st day of July, accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments.

Yours fraternally, SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Montreal 27th May, 1897.

Editor THE CANADIAN

Sir,—I have read with pleasure, in your May number, the letter of Father Burke, in reference to the resolution passed at our last convention, empowering the Grand Council to employ paid preachers, and like all motions, having for their object the expenditure of money, it passed with scarcely any opposition. As you are aware there was hardly any discussion, as we were told there was no time to be lost, about these matters. But since then it has been discovered that the resolution is impracticable, and, I think, that could have been shown at the time, if the motion had been thoroughly debated, as all motions should be before being placed upon our statute book. As Father Burke remarks in his letter "our growth is about as fast as it can be with safety to the organization." I am not in favor of any inducements being offered to members, as the custom might lead to abuses, which would be most injurious to our association.

T. J. O'NEILL, Branch 50.

Who May Become Members of The C M B A

Applicants for membership must be practical Catholics, males, not under 18 years of age nor over 50 at date of initiation, must pass a medical examination, be approved by the Supervising Medical Examiner, the Branch Board of Trustees, and elected by ballot of the branch to which application is made before they can be admitted to membership.

Three grades of policies are issued, viz.: a \$2,000, a \$1,000, and a \$500.

WHAT IT WILL COST TO BECOME A MEMBER

The application fee, \$3.00; Supervising Medical Examiner's fee, 50 cts; the medical examination fee, \$1.50; one monthly assessment, according to age and grade of policy, as given below; one month's dues, 25 cts.

Rejected applicants have the \$3.00 of application fee returned to them.

Table with columns: No. of Fixed Ass'ts, Members' Ages, Am. of Ass'ts, Total. Rows for \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500 policies.

The dues are 25c. per month. This added to the Assessments will be the average cost.

Table: EXAMPLE OF COST ON \$2,000 BENEFIT. At Age of 25. Application Fee \$3.00, Supervising Medical Examiner's Fee .50, Medical Examination Fee 1.50, One Assessment 1.10, One Month's Dues .25.

The Constitution provides for 15 regular assessments and for special assessments in case the 15 fixed assessments be not sufficient; but the total assessments can never, according to the laws, exceed 24 in any one year; as should it be necessary, through an epidemic or any other cause to require

more money than said number of assessments would bring, the Reserve Fund is drawn upon.

The rate fixed for the age at which an applicant becomes a member remains the same throughout.

On the Death of Bernard Taylor, late a Member of Branch 74, C. M. B. A.

BY F. D. DALY

An upright soul has gone to join the land of heaven's elect. His labors here are o'er. It grieves our hearts to see his form no more. His soul has he should rule from shore to shore.

His lot was hard and no spirit proud contained the pain, nor envy did he share. 'Tis to his friends, now wrapped up in his shroud; Warn his heart while he was here below.

Consoled them, God, oh! weeping wife and child. Lament to feel that such a pure child. Yet comfort brings the thought his soul un-ascends to heaven while here his body lies.

Farewell, kind heart, dear Bernard, kindly soul. Remembrance of thy virtues dries the tear. Because we feel thy goodness round us still. In pleading God while living with us here.

Let us Help one Another.

This little sentence should be written on every heart and stamped on every memory. It should be the golden rule practiced not only in every household but throughout the world. By helping one another we not only remove thorns from the pathway and anxiety from the mind, but we feel a sense of pleasure in our own hearts, knowing we are doing a duty to a fellow creature. A helping hand or an encouraging word is no loss to us, yet it is a benefit to others. Who has not felt the power of this little sentence? Who has not needed the encouragement and aid of a kind friend? Low soothing, when perplexed with some task that is mysterious and burdensome to feel a gentle hand on the shoulder and to hear a kind voice whispering: "Do not feel discouraged, I see your trouble and let me help you." What strength is inspired, what hope created, what sweet gratitude is felt, and the great difficulty is dissolved as dew beneath the sunshine. Yes, let us help one another by endeavoring to strengthen and encourage the weak and lifting the burden of care from the weary and oppressed, that life may glide smoothly, and the fount of bitter ness yield sweet waters, and He whose willing hand is ever ready to aid us will reward our humble endeavors, and every good deed will be as "bread cast upon the waters, to return after many days, if not to us, to those we love.—Washington Catholic.

How to Get on in the World.

Most of our successful men began life without capital. They have won success by hard work and strict honesty. You can do the same. Here are a dozen rules for getting on in the world:

- 1. Be honest. Dishonesty seldom makes one rich, and when it does riches are a curse. There is no such thing as dishonest success.
2. Work. The world is not going to pay for nothing. Ninety per cent. of what men call genius is only a talent for hard work.
3. Enter into the business or trade you like best, and for which nature seems to have fitted you, provided it is honorable.
4. Be independent. Do not lean on others to do your thinking or to conquer your difficulties.
5. Be conscientious in the dis-

charge of every duty. Do your work thoroughly. No one can rise who slight his work.

6. Don't try to begin at the top. Begin at the bottom, and you will be sure of reaching the top some time.

7. Trust to nothing but God and hard work. Inscribe on your banner—"Luck is a fool; pluck is a hero."

8. Be punctual. Keep your appointments. Be there a minute before time, if you have to lose dinner to do it.

9. Be polite. Every smile, every kind word will help to win friends.

10. Be generous. Meanness makes enemies and breeds distrust.

11. Spend less than you earn. Do not run into debt. Watch the little leaks, and you will be able to live on your salary.

Make all the money you can, honestly; do all the good you can with it while you live; be your own executor.—The Young Man.

Suicides and Large Insurance Policies.

There have been several suicides of late where an abnormal amount of life insurance was carried. This naturally suggests the question of the wisdom, or indeed, the propriety, of heavy life insurance. The greed of companies often leads them into the temptation of writing \$50,000 or even \$100,000 up on a single life. At least one of our companies writes without limit and boasts of the fact. This is a perversion of the purpose of life insurance, and converts what would otherwise be a blessing into a curse. Excessively large fortunes are not benefits to any community, nor even the families which inherit them. By the inheritance of them useful members of a community are almost always changed into idlers and spendthrifts. Thus from this aspect alone it would be well for the law-making power to impose some limit to the amount of insurance a man is allowed to carry upon his life unless it be taken for the benefit of some public charity. The temptation to self destruction which heavy insurance offers, while it may not be fully appreciated by well-balanced minds, cannot be denied. We have the cases of E. E. Barney in Virginia, Louis Morris, of Pittsburg, and Delbridge, of Atlanta, all of recent occurrence, with numberless others which will be suggested to the mind of the reader, to impress this fact upon us. Therefore, we cannot help questioning the wisdom of any life insurance company, not only in taking large amounts upon individual lives, but also in writing any insurance upon a life already heavily insured. It is the duty of the government to protect the lives of its citizens in every way possible. It must take away all temptation which exists for others to take life. Likewise it should throw its restraining arm around one about to take his own life. Thus would it not seem that this over insuring, which is generally conceded to be a fruitful cause of suicide, should be prohibited by law?—The Insurance Press.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Branch No. 27, Petrolia, Ont., on the death of brother Arthur McPharland's mother.

Branch No. 88, Cornwall, Ont., on the death of brother John Cummins' wife.

Branch No. 41, Montreal, Que., on the death of brother Michael O'Brien's son, William, jr.

Branch No. 33, Kenilworth, Ont., on the death of brother Michael French's wife.

Branch No. 121, Biddeford, Ont., on the death of brother James Toohy's daughter Mrs. Whelan.

Branch No. 162, Munton, N. B., on the death of brother John Sutton's wife.

Branch 175, Kirkora, Ont., on the death of brother P. J. Finigan's mother-in-law, Mrs. Daniel J. Wright.

Branch No. 233, Egmont Bay, P. E. I., on the death of brother Joseph L. Gallant's oldest son, Felix Gallant, in religion brother Benignus Benignus, of the Society of Christian Brothers, Amosk, N. Y.

Branch No. 245, Kennebec, Ont., on the death of brother John McCann's father.

Branch No. 251, Kensington, P. E. I., on the death of brother Daniel McNeill's mother.

Branch 108, Quebec, P. Q., on the death of Brothers P. J. and Luke Kurw's mother.

Branch No. 173, Belle River, Ont., on the death of brother Dr. N. J. Amyot's mother.

Branch No. 173, Belle River, Ont., on the death of brother Charles Gerard's father.

A regular meeting of Branch 27, Petrolia, Ont., held in their hall on Sunday April 20, 1897, the following resolutions were moved by Bro. M. J. Kelly, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Gleason and carried unanimously.

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst by death our worthy and esteemed brother William John Cowan, be it therefore

Resolved that while bowing to the will of Divine Providence we the members of this branch desire to express our sincere sorrow for the sudden death of our late brother, and convey to the wife and family of our late lamented brother our unfeigned sympathy in their sad bereavement; and we pray that God in His infinite mercy will comfort and sustain them in their loss of a kind and loving husband and father; be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be spread on the minutes and a copy of the same sent to the official organ, THE CANADIAN, and Catholic Record, for publication.

At a meeting of Branch 49, Toronto, Ont., held on the 14th May, the following was unanimously adopted as a fitting expression of sentiments held. In the death of Bro Robert Thompson, our branch once more experiences a severance of congenial ties and friendly associations. Henceforth we shall miss the kindly face and personal influence of our deceased brother. By the draping of our charter, we present a visible testimony of our loss; it is a reminder also that prayer for mercy and forgiveness will ascend to the throne of God by a united brotherhood for a departed member.

The life of our deceased brother was a Christian and a Catholic one, and, as such, we hope and pray as blameless in the sight of God as it appeared to that of his fellow-man.

This branch realizes its loss and, doing so, know that his family must feel it keenly; they therefore tender their heartfelt sympathy to them, and ask the Almighty to temper their sorrow and affliction as He tempers the wind to the shorn lamb; be it further

Resolved, that this expression of branch feeling follow the usual course pursued in the case of deceased brothers

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 241, Pakenham, Ont., on the 6th inst., the following resolution, moved by Bro. Lunney, seconded by Bro. Harvey, was carried: That the members of this branch desire to record our heartfelt sorrow at the death of our esteemed brother John E. O'Connor, one of its charter members, its first President and active worker for the welfare of the association.

Resolved that the members of this branch extend their deep, sincere sympathy to his father, mother, brother, sisters and relatives; and while they regret his early death, bow to the inscrutable will of Providence and hope that God in His mercy will comfort them for the great loss they have sustained.

Resolved that our charter be draped for thirty days, these resolutions be entered on the minutes, a copy sent to his parents and also THE CANADIAN.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 91, Tilbury, Ont., held April 13, 1897, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death our respected brother, Hermeaus Sauve,

Resolved that we, the members of Branch No. 80, hereby express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss sustained by the widow and the family of deceased, and extend to them our most sincere sympathy and condolence in this sad affliction; also

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow of deceased and spread on the minutes of this branch and a copy sent to THE CANADIAN for publication.

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Les membres sont invités à nous envoyer des nouvelles et informations dont l'Association pourra bénéficier. Toutes communications sur des sujets d'intérêt pour les membres de l'A. C. B. M. seront reçues avec plaisir, mais toutes lettres anonymes et toutes autres lettres qui le contenant ne pas être dans l'intérêt de l'Association ne seront pas publiées.

Les correspondants voudront bien se rappeler que la copie doit nous parvenir pas plus tard que le 15 du mois, pour être publiée dans le numéro du mois suivant. L'espace étant limité, on voudra bien être concis. Adressez toutes communications à

S. R. BROWN,
Editeur et Gérant
Blocc Coste, Rue Dundas,
London, Ont.

LONDON, JUN, 1897.

Systeme de Cotisation.

Avis officiel d'une Cotisation Speciale.

Avis est par le présent officiellement donné à tous et chacun des membres de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada, que, en plus de la Cotisation régulière No. 7 pour le mois de Juin, 1897, une cotisation speciale est aussi requise, payable dans les trente jours à compter du 15 Juin de la même manière et du même montant que la dite cotisation No. 7. Ceci, en connexion avec l'Etat à la page quatre de ce numéro, sera le seul avis à nos membres de cette cotisation speciale, et il est donné en conformité des clauses 7^{eme} et 8^{eme} de la Constitution de l'A. C. B. M.

Les officiers des succursales sont priés d'être aussi prompts que possible à faire remise du montant de ces deux cotisations.

Il faut vingt deux mille dollars pour payer les bénéficiaires des douze frères de ces mentionnés dans l'état des cotisations pour le présent mois.

S. R. BROWN,
Grand Secrétaire.
London, Ont., 1er Juin 1897.

GARANTIES DES OFFICIERS.

Les officiers des succursales qui sont requis de par la constitution de l'A. C. B. M. de donner des garanties sont les Secrétaires Financiers et les Trésoriers.

Les clauses 176 et 177 stipulent le montant de ces garanties, la clause 181 définit le genre de garanties à donner, et la clause 182 l'association de garantie ou d'indemnité à laquelle ces officiers doivent s'adresser pour les obtenir. Dans notre numéro du mois de Janvier nous avons donné avis à tous les intéressés que le Grand Président et le Bureau des Syndics avaient choisi "The Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited"; que les agents, auxquels nos officiers devaient s'adresser pour les garanties, étaient Merris Schmidt et McKeon, Montreal, Q.

Un certain nombre de nos officiers ne se souciaient pas de répondre à toutes les questions du blanc d'application, nous fumes autorisés par Merris Schmidt

et McKeon de déclarer dans notre numéro du mois de Mars, que "Si nos officiers s'objectent à aucune des questions du blanc d'application, ils peuvent y répondre à leur discrétion, mais toutes les réponses sont confidentielles".

Le taux chargé par la compagnie désignée est de cinquante centins par \$1000 de garanties. Ce taux est considéré assez minime.

Il s'est écoulé, croyons nous, un temps suffisant pour permettre à toutes nos succursales de se conformer à cette loi de l'association, mais pas plus de la moitié du nombre s'y sont conformées. C'est certainement mal. Ces succursales non seulement violent la constitution mais elles ignorent les ordres de leur Grand Président et de leur Bureau des Syndics. Comme de raison nous admettons que cette affaire de Garanties est du nouveau pour nos officiers de succursales, en étant à sa première année; qu'il faut faire une certaine allowance et accorder un peu de temps à nos officiers pour leur permettre de prendre connaissance de leurs devoirs sous ce rapport, mais nous espérons sincèrement que, maintenant que la loi est claire, celles des succursales qui ne l'ont pas déjà fait verront à ce que leur Secrétaire Financier et leur Trésorier s'adressent aux agents sus nommés pour leurs garanties, et permettent ainsi à notre Grand Conseil de compléter ses arrangements avec la compagnie de garantie mentionnée.

MORT DU DR. HANAVAN.

Tous les membres de l'A. C. B. M., par tout le Canada, apprendront avec regret la mort de notre frère, le Dr. M. J. Hanavan.

Il était Chirurgien Lieutenant-Colonel aux Casernes Wolseley à London, Ont., et il est mort à l'hôpital des Casernes Mardi le 1er courant d'une sévère attaque d'empoisonnement du sang.

Le docteur est né au Canada, le 5 Juin, 1842. Son père, James Hanavan, était natif du Comté Monaghan, en Irlande, et vint en ce pays vers l'année 1825, s'établissant sur une ferme. Le docteur était le plus jeune de onze enfants, et en 1866 il reçut avec honneurs ses degrés à l'Université de Toronto. Peu de temps après, il commença à pratiquer activement en qualité de chirurgien sous contrat dans l'armée Américaine, pendant la dernière période de la guerre civile, après laquelle il suivit les hôpitaux de New York pendant une saison. Il revint ensuite dans Ontario et s'établit à Stratford, alors, qu'après environ 21 ans de pratique, il accepta la position de Chirurgien du Corps ou Ecole d'Infanterie de cette ville, et il s'y rendit en Novembre, 1888. Il avait auparavant passé un examen militaire à Toronto, et fut pendant 17 ans chirurgien du 29^{eme} Bataillon, de Perth. A son départ de Stratford les officiers de ce Bataillon et leurs amis

lui offrirent un banquet, les citoyens lui présentèrent une montre de valeur accompagnée d'une adresse sentimentale, et l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle une adresse et un fauteuil. Durant son séjour à Stratford il remplit les charges d'Exécutif et Syndic des écoles, et prit tous les jours une part active dans tout ce qui tendait au bien-être de sa place adoptive. Le docteur poussa en 1871. M^{me} Mary K. J. de Dublin, Com^{te} de Perth, et de ce mariage naquirent sept enfants, cinq garçons et deux filles.

Frère Hanavan est entre dans l'A. C. B. M. comme membre fondateur de la Succursale No. 13, Stratford, Ont. Il fut choisi comme Représentant de cette succursale à la convention du Grand Conseil à Brantford en Mai, 1881. A cette convention il fut élu Médicin Examinateur en Chef de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada. Il fut reçu à la même position aux conventions tenues à Stratford en 1886, à Toronto en 1888, et à Montréal en 1890, et il remplit son devoir fidèlement et bien jusqu'à la nomination de son successeur en 1892. Il était un travailleur enthousiaste dans l'A. C. B. M. et était aimé et respecté par tous ceux qui le connaissent.

Son épouse et ses enfants ont nos plus sincères sympathies dans leur malheur. Le Dr. Hanavan était un bon mari et un père indulgent. Qu'il repose en paix.

CORRESPONDANCE.

Montréal, 25 Mai, 1897.
Editeur, Le Canadien.

Monsieur, — J'ai lu avec plaisir, dans votre numéro de Mai, la lettre du Rév. Mr. Burko touchant la résolution passée à notre dernière convention, autorisant le Grand Conseil d'employer des organisateurs salariés, et à l'instar de toutes résolutions, ayant pour objet une dépense d'argent, elle passa pour ainsi dire sans opposition. Comme vous le savez il y eut à peine de la discussion, vu qu'on nous dit qu'il n'y avait pas de temps à perdre à ce sujet. Mais depuis on a découvert que la résolution est impraticable, et je pense que la chose aurait pu être démontrée dans le temps si la motion eut été débattue à fond, comme toutes motions devraient l'être, avant d'être insérées dans votre constitution. Comme le Rév. Mr. Burko le remarqua dans sa lettre, "notre accroissement est à peu près aussi rapide qu'il peut l'être avec sûreté pour l'association." Je ne suis pas en faveur d'aucune offre aux membres, parce que la coutume pourrait conduire à des abus qui seraient des plus préjudiciables à notre association.

T. J. O'NEILL,
Succursale No. 10.

Membres Sans Emploi.

Pas une séance de société de secours mutuel ne se tient, sans que celui qui la préside ne demande à ses frères: "Y a-t-il des membres sans emploi?" Cette phrase contient tout un poème de charité et mieux que toute autre peut être indiquée bien le but philanthropique et noble de nos sociétés dites à si bon droit de bienfaisance.

Souhaitant, on passe peut-être un peu vite sur cet ordre du jour.

Courber de membres sans emploi, dans ces sociétés, est quel ont toutes les peines à payer leurs contributions?

Combien d'autres ne peuvent en aucun façon satisfaire aux exigences de la société et se voient obligés de donner leur démission?

Appuyons donc davantage sur ce point, faisons connaître à nos frères ceux d'entre nous qui ont besoin de pain et d'encouragement, faisons de tels efforts pour leur venir en aide, en leur procurant, s'il est possible, de l'aide.

Encourageons de préférence un frère qui un étranger dans toutes nos relations commerciales, car un frère, outre qu'il doit à son davantage nos sympathies à plus bas prix d'aide que tout autre, car il a des cotisations à payer, que les autres n'ont pas.

Et aussi il est moins sensible à l'abri de la misère que qui néglige de faire partie de ces sociétés.

Enfin ce sera un moyen de forcer nos cotillions à participer à une oeuvre si digne et si efficace.

"LA PRESSE"

BELLE PROFESSION DE FOI.

"Le Temps" d'Ottawa a publié les lignes suivantes: —

"Sentant ma fin approcher, je veux avant de me reposer de vous, vous demander de me pardonner les offenses que j'ai pu commettre, comme je pardonne moi-même à ceux qui ont pu m'offenser."

"Je desiro aussi vous dire que si, au cours des nombreuses polémiques dans lesquelles j'ai été engagé, il s'est glissé dans mon journal quelque écrit qui ait pu contribuer à diminuer, dans votre esprit, l'influence légitime du clergé, s'il s'est échappé de ma plume quelque parole qui ait pu blesser personnellement l'archevêque vénéré de ce diocèse, ou quelques uns de ses prêtres, je désavoue ces écrits et rétracte ces paroles."

"Au milieu des luttes passionnantes du journalisme on s'oublie quelquefois, et dans le feu de la discussion on se laisse aller à des écarts de langage qu'on regrette plus tard."

"Mais j'ai le regret de ces écarts, je proteste que bien loin de ma pensée a été toute idée de nuire à la religion ou à l'autorité qui la représente: j'ai été et je veux rester toujours fils soumis de l'Eglise catholique."

"Cette déclaration faite, je me sens plus fort pour voir venir le moment où je rendrai mon âme à Dieu et mon corps à la terre."

"Maintenant, chers lecteurs, il ne me reste plus qu'à vous dire adieu en vous demandant une dernière fois de vouloir bien prier pour moi."

(OSCAR Mc DONELL.)

Sous l'Acte des Assurances.

Chapitre 111 des Statuts Révisés du Canada, tel qu'amendés.)

Ottawa, 21 Mars, 1897.

LE CERTIFICAT D'ENREGISTREMENT NO. 8 délivré au Grand Conseil de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada, l'autorisant à faire des opérations d'Assurance sur la vie sur le plan des Cotisations dans La Puissance du Canada, est par le présent renouvelé jusqu'au Trente et Unieme jour de Mars, 1898.

(Sig.) J. M. COURNEY,
Député Ministre des Finances.
(Sig.) W. M. FITZGERALD,
Surintendant des Assurances.

