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## For The Canadian THE ANGELUS

The day is done and in the twilight lone  
The sunbeams fade. Far in the crimson  
West,  
On willow branch, the sparrow's gone to rest  
And slow the ploughman leads his horses  
home.  
With weary step, he wends his way along  
And soft and low a bell peals o'er the hill;  
It stirs his heart with music sweet and still  
And fills the vale with its bright, mellow  
song.  
It speaks to him and stirs the heavy load  
That weighs in sorrow on his soul. E'en  
now  
It whispers peace and from his noble brow  
He lifts his hat and, pausing by the road,  
With folded hands, he kneels up on the sod  
And breathes an evening prayer unto his  
God.

J. WILLIAM FISCHER.

## For The Canadian. HIS HOLINESS LEO XIII

Alone he kneels. A hand unseen doth trace  
A smile so sauntly, 'neath his snow-crowned  
brow:  
A shade of heaven seems to kiss his face  
And linger long in silent awe. And now  
He slowly lifts his eyes as if to implore  
His Master's aid. They rest upon the Cross,  
And fingers trembling a-sweat in prayer count  
o'er  
His beads, as night wears on. Not has the  
loss  
Of sleep. In vain the chimes of midnight  
try  
To summon him to rest. He hears them not,  
On wings of prayer his soul is borne on high  
And Angels bless his earthly cares forgot  
And sweet a voice from Father unto son  
Steals o'er his soul for duty nobly done.

—J. WILLIAM FISCHER.

## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Beware of using the personal pronoun "I" too freely in your talk when you are talking in a room full of people. Egotists are often amusing and entertaining, but as often they are very much out of order.—April Ladies' Home Journal.

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Either morning or night is a good time for a cold-water bath or even a tepid one, but a hot-water bath should be taken just before retiring, inasmuch as it is relaxing. Never bathe just before or after a hearty meal. Bathe after, instead of before, exercising, and bathe regularly every day.

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Successful and delightful any girl may be, even though she cannot stay all day in the home. If it be her duty to be away, teaching in kindergarten or primary school, writing in an office or selling goods in a shop she loses not a bit of her true worth in the household through her brave independence,

and her endeavor to relieve her parents of her support.—April Ladies' Home Journal.

American freedom of thought or action was never intended to be construed into license. Yet, so far as our marriage laws are concerned, that is precisely the direction in which freedom is tending. We are horrified at the thought of free love; we go into spasms of virtuous indignation over free divorce, we frown down mightily upon Mormonism. And yet we sanction free marriage—absolutely free with everything eliminated, minister, magistrate and license. There's where our sublime inconsistency comes in—Edward Bok in the April Ladies' Home Journal.

Do not permit the children to form the habit of disputing and quarreling with each other. It may be prevented, like other bad habits, by watchfulness, particularly if the training is begun when the children are very young. Separation is the best punishment, breaking up the play and taking away the cause of the dispute. Children are social beings and do not like to play alone. They dislike solitude, and if they find it is invariably the result of quarreling they will take pains to be more amiable so as not to be forced into it.

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Impertinent questions are to be met with firm and dignified politeness. Any question about another's personal affairs, about the price of one's clothing, the amount of one's earnings, the reasons one has for entirely private conduct, is impertinent. Would I answer such questions? Not at all. Usually, by a little tact, one can settle such questioners. If there is no other way, I counsel a plain but courteous sincerity—a simple refusal to answer. One may just say: "Pardon me, I prefer not to give any information whatever on this matter."

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Do not eat a hearty breakfast if you have any mental or physical work to do thereafter. The full stomach may satisfy your craving, but cannot give you the needed or desired strength under about three or four hours. Digestion, absorption and assimilation must take place before you can get any good from your breakfast. If these processes are not completed the hearty breakfast simply clogs the vital ma-

chinery. Therefore the hearty six o'clock dinner, which will not only build up the waste of the day, but provide & reserve for the morrow, is to be commended.

## NOT DUKES ENOUGH FOR ALL

Husbandless American Women are Barred from Queen Margherita's Court

The King of Saxony, lately, when the American Minister to Italy was presented to him, broke forth vehemently: "Ach Himmel! Mein Herr! Has American wives no husbands at all? They come in dozens to my court! Every one must be presented, every one must be asked to a State dinner! Every one must go in to dinner with a duke! I have no dukes enough to go around!" What kind of wives are they? I would like to know! So flagrant is the scandal of our swarming mateless women in Europe that even Queen Margherita, most good humored of sovereigns, has been forced to draw in the lax lines of her court. No married American woman can be presented now at the royal court unless accompanied by her husband.—April Ladies' Home Journal.

## BRANCH 324 PRESENTS ITS HOME AGE TO BISHOP BARRY.

Availing itself of the opportunity of the presence of His Lordship Bishop Barry at St. Basil's, in February last, Rev. Father Dogal, parish priest and President of Branch 324 suggested to adjourn the meeting and to go in a body to the presbytery. This suggestion was unanimously and heartily accepted, and all the members present went there to present to His Lordship their homage and their congratulations on the honor bestowed on him by his appointment to the Bishopric. So as conductor to the Bishop of the diocese of Charlottetown.

S. Basil's Branch, in going off, also saluted His Lordship Bishop Barry, in view not only in rendering homage to a high dignitary of the Church, but also to salute in the person of His Lordship an old and devoted pastor of St. Basil's parish. Another reason for the branch acting thus was that Bishop Barry may be considered as the Father, the true founder, of the C.M.B.A. in the Province of New Brunswick, for it is to his zeal, to his devotion and especially to his encouragement that is due the organization of the first branches of the association in that Province.

After a pleasant conversation for a few moments with His Lordship, Rev. Father Dogal, prayed him to give his blessing to the branch, to which Bishop Barry condescended, adding his best wishes.

## WHAT "LIMPARTIAL" OF TIG BISHOP P E I HAS TO SAY.

We have just received the financial statement of the Catholic Mutual Society of Canada. We regret not having time and space at our disposal to give said statement in full. For want of this let us say that since the association increased its branch list as follows: — in Ontario — in Quebec — in New Brunswick — in Nova Scotia — in Prince Edward Island — in Manitoba and 5 in the North West Territories. The membership is now 1,111. The Reserve Fund amounts to \$1,111,111. The assets of the society \$1,111,111. The liabilities \$1,111,111. Here, in Prince Edward Island, we have 11 branches, and there is yet territory for 11 more. At Tignish, Branch 281 starting with 15 members on its roll, the branch at Palmer Road having been established since. Three members of Branch 281 withdrew to join that of Palmer Road, and now the Tignish branch numbers 17 members and is initiating more every week.

The C.M.B.A. is encouraged by the Church and its priests. Bishop McDonald, last year, in a circular to the clergy of the diocese, recommended this society and expressed his desire to see all eligible parishioners in the C.M.B.A., forbidding at the same time Roman Catholics to join any other society which is not approved by the Church, unless they are not members of the Catholic Church or belong to the Independent Order of Foresters.

A failing to the figures quoted above will understand that the C.M.B.A. is one of the strongest, most active and best managed societies in Canada. It is the true society for Catholics. It is the true guardian and firm support of widows and orphans.

Let us learn from our Saviour, Who knew Himself to be tempted for our instruction, that we are to go whenever we can, to new land to tempt us to evil. Let us add that as Christ did it, the angels will surely leave us, and the angels in the shape of God's grace and encouragement, will come and minister to us and strengthen our souls in fidelity to His service.

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to the Association. Communications upon  
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will always be welcome. Any anonymous  
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There have been more applications  
for membership to the C. M. B. A. of  
Canada during March, 1900, than in  
any other month since the organiza-  
tion of the Grand Council.

In the March issue a typographical  
error was made. Order No. 900, on  
account of Rev. M. J. Cummings, should  
read \$100, one hundred instead of  
\$1,000, one thousand.

Mr. Fischer, whose name has be-  
come familiar by his occasional con-  
tributions to THE CANADIAN, is a mem-  
ber of Branch No. 1 C. M. B. A., Water-  
loo, Ont. He is at present a second  
year student in the Medical College,  
Western University, London, Ont. Brother  
Fischer is a refined and clever  
young man, and has, we hope, a bright  
future.

Branches must collect and remit to  
the Grand Secretary the Supervising  
Medical Examiner's fees. Section  
147 states they shall be held  
liable in every case. It matters not  
whether the applicant was approved or  
rejected, the branch to which his appli-  
cation was made is held liable for the  
Supervisor's fees: therefore, the  
branch officers, in order to protect  
their general fund, should see that  
said fee is paid by the applicant at the  
time the application is made.

The Per Capita Tax, Initiation Tax  
and Supervising Medical Examiner's  
fees for the quarter ending March 31st,  
1900, are now due and should be paid  
without delay. Officers of branches  
that have not yet remitted to the  
Grand Secretary the amount due there-  
fore are requested to read Sections 147  
and 148 of constitution and com-  
ply with same.

**THE THREE-DOLLAR BONUS.**

In order to obtain the bonus on new  
members, branches must make out and  
send to the Grand Secretary a regular  
account for same. Forms for such ac-  
counts are supplied by said official to  
branches upon application therefore.  
No attention will be paid to any applica-  
tion unless same is made on our re-  
gular C. M. B. A. printed form.

**GUARANTEE BONDS.**

We deem it necessary to repeat in-  
structions regarding bonds, and we  
would request branches that have not  
yet remitted the premiums for same to  
carefully read the following and com-  
ply with our regulations regarding  
this matter without further delay.

All branches of the C. M. B. A. of  
Canada are hereby notified that ar-  
rangements have been made with the  
Employers' Liability Assurance Cor-  
poration, Limited, of London, England,  
through its agent, Mr. H. J. McLean,  
of Montreal, Que., by which said com-  
pany will issue a "Blanket Bond,"  
covering all officers of our Association  
that are required by our Constitution  
to be under bonds. The Grand Coun-  
cil will pay said corporation the total  
premium in one sum, and the branches  
will pay their respective premiums to  
the Grand Secretary. This will be  
much better and more convenient for  
all concerned.

Each branch will therefore remit with-  
out delay its premium at the rate of 50  
cents for each \$100 bonds for its Treas-  
urer and its Financial Secretary. The  
amount of bond is \$3 for the Finan-  
cial Secretary for each member, and \$5  
for the Treasurer for each member in  
the branch. See Sections 176 and 177  
of our Constitution.

Example: A branch has one hun-  
dred members. Its bond is \$3 for Finan-  
cial Secretary and \$5 for the Treas-  
urer. Total \$500. Amount of pre-  
mium \$1.

The premiums for bonds must be re-  
mittied to the Grand Secretary annually  
in January, and when a new branch is  
instituted.

**PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS  
BY BRANCHES.**

There are many branches entirely  
too dilatory in forwarding the Month-  
ly Assessment Reports and assessment  
remittances. The Constitution, as  
well as the regular monthly notice  
sent to all our branches, plainly states  
that said Monthly Assessment Reports  
and remittances must be forwarded to  
the Grand Secretary *not later than the*  
*9th day of each month.*

Nos. 3 and 4 assessments should be  
remitted to the Grand Secretary on or  
before April 9th. We would request  
our readers to ascertain if their respec-  
tive branches have complied with this  
law of our Association. Any branch  
that has not done so is violating our  
Constitution and doing a great injus-|

tice to each and every one of its mem-  
bers and their beneficiaries. A branch  
that does not pay the assessment or  
assessments within the time allowed by  
the Constitution *ipso facto* suspends  
itself; and should a death occur among  
its members during this time how  
could its officers make the affidavits re-  
quired in our proofs of death, etc? A large number of branches do not  
pay *on or before the 9th day of the*  
*month*; they leave payment until the  
last week, and many of them until the  
*last day of the month*. All said  
branches seem to care about is to have  
the money sent in time to have the  
payment of the assessment appear in  
THE CANADIAN, and those dilatory  
branches, or their members, are gener-  
ally, the first to complain if the  
Grand Council does not pay claims  
within the constitutional time! How  
can our Grand Council pay claims  
promptly if our branches do not remit  
assessments promptly? This is  
a serious matter, and we sincerely  
trust each member will enquire at his  
branch meetings whether his branch  
is one of those referred to.

**THE FAULT-FINDING MEM-  
BER.**

We are all familiar with the fault-  
finding member — the member who  
scarcely ever has a good word to say  
about the C. M. B. A., and who is ever  
prodigal of ungenerous and oftentimes  
unfair criticism of the Association.  
He thinks that the work of the Asso-  
ciation or of his particular branch is  
not carried on as it ought to be. He  
thinks the C. M. B. A. is lacking in  
esprit de corps, that the members are  
not sufficiently fraternal. Again, he  
urges that our system of insurance is  
unsound in principle. Sometimes his  
speech assumes the form of a complaint  
that the Association has no merit be-  
cause some person with whom he has  
had personal differences is a member  
of his branch. We have known cases  
of this kind of members staying away  
from meetings because some friend of  
his has been on sufficient grounds re-  
jected for membership or has been dis-  
appointed in election for office. The  
most common form of complaint, how-  
ever, is that the meetings of his branch  
are small and uninteresting and that  
in consequence he does not attend them.  
He is never without some complaint.

It never occurs to members of this  
class that the Association and the  
branches are precisely what the mem-  
bers make them. We recall the case  
of a member who once declared in our  
presence that if anybody sought advice  
from him as to joining the Association,  
he would advise the applicant that the  
C. M. B. A. was no good. This mem-  
ber took a solemn obligation by which  
he pledged his loyalty to the Associa-  
tion, but he had apparently forgotten  
that to him, trifling circumstance, and,  
as sometimes happens, had forgotten  
that it was his duty to contribute so  
far as possible to the Association's wel-  
fare.

**THE NEW ARRANGEMENT A  
GREAT SUCCESS.**

From many sources we are in  
receipt of information commending  
the action of the Trustees Board at its  
recent meeting in Montreal, in doing  
away with paid organizers and in  
granting a fee of \$3 to every brother  
who secures the initiation of a new mem-  
ber. These assurances are sufficient  
to guarantee, beyond any doubt,  
that the new departure will be in the  
interest of the Association. We would  
ask each brother to give the advan-  
tages of this plan his most serious con-  
sideration. The increase of good  
risks to the Association means a less-  
ening in the assessments and a lightening  
of the burthen from the shoulders  
of us all.

Thus, while he who secures the initia-  
tion of a new member is fully recom-  
pensed for his trouble by the fee of  
\$3.00 he is further recompensed  
by the lowering of his assessments  
through the influx of new members  
and the infusion of new blood.

There is no association doing busi-  
ness in Canada to-day offering better  
inducements to members than the C.  
M. B. A. Therefore every member  
should be proud to be a soldier in her  
ranks and should use every endeavor  
to secure others to march beneath her  
banner.

**NO BAD RISKS ALLOWED.**

We must throw out a word of warn-  
ing now that the membership is taking  
up the work of organizing. None but  
good men can be permitted to join the  
C. M. B. A., hence none but good ap-  
plicants should be solicited. Our  
record last year was magnificent. Fif-  
teen assessments were sufficient for all  
requirements. Now let the same

suffice for this year. Let us endeavor to  
make fifteen assessments the standard.  
We can do so if we exercise care in the  
selection of our risks. To secure good  
healthy members is the duty not only  
of the medical examiners but of the  
branch trustees and of every member  
of the Association.

which the complaining member never

contributes. But, worst of all, are the flippant and ill-considered denunciations of the member who, while glad to have his name on the roll of members, seems to take pleasure in always finding fault with everything connected with the Association, forgetful of the obligation which he has assumed. Let each brother ask himself if he has been true to his obligation, whether he has by every legitimate means within his power promoted the welfare of the Association; and whenever all the members can answer in the affirmative, the obnoxious fault-finder will have disappeared.

### SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT AND SOCIAL.

The annual entertainment and social of the Charlottetown, P. E. I., Branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was held in the hall of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Feb. 26th, 1900. The attendance was large, and the proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character. The literary and musical portion of the exercises began at 8 o'clock, and the following programme was rendered in an excellent manner:

Opening remarks . . . President MacDonald  
Instrumental duet, Miss Carroll and Mrs. Kelly  
Song . . . . . Mr. B. McInnis  
Recitation . . . . . Miss Fitzgerald  
Song . . . . . Mrs. Byrne  
Song . . . . . Mr. C. Hermans  
Song . . . . . Miss Lucy Blanchard  
Address . . . . . Rev. Dr. McMillan  
Song . . . . . Mrs. Blake  
Reading . . . . . Mr. Jas. H. Reddin  
Song . . . . . Mrs. O'Reilly  
Cornet solo . . . . . Mr. Wm. Brown  
Song . . . . . Prof. Caven  
Instrumental duet, The Misses Ryan and Blanchard.

God Save the Queen.

Dr. McMillan's address was a masterly exposition of the objects and benefits of the C. M. B. A., and he strongly urged every young man present who was not already a member to send in his application at once. The opening remarks of the President, Mr. Alexander MacDonald, were of a similar character.

After the entertainment dancing was enjoyed for several hours, the music being furnished by a small orchestra.

An excellent supper was provided by the wives of the members of the association.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN.

Dear Sir and Brother.—In the February issue of THE CANADIAN you institute some comparisons between the growth and standing of the C. M. B. A. of Canada and the leading Catholic fraternal organizations of the Australian colonies. I do not see that the C. M. B. A. suffers by the comparison thus made, except in the matter of reserve fund, our antipodean brethren having as many pounds to their credit as we have dollars. The Australian society has a membership of 16 000 against our 13 500, but the former organization was called into existence in 1871, whereas the C. M. B. A. of Canada started on its career as a separate association in 1880. It would seem, however, as if the latter society had a wider field in which to gain recruits, the Catholic population of Canada, according to your calculation being about double that of Australia.

But in looking over C. M. B. A. statistics we find that the great bulk of the membership is contributed by those provinces of the Dominion in which

Catholics are in a minority, the quota furnished by the great Catholic Province of Quebec being but a mere handful of the whole number.

It is singular, indeed, that a society which stands approved by the Church, and which should be one of her staunchest bulwarks—a society whose aims and objects appeal so strongly to the good sense of Canadian Catholics—should have made so little headway in the one Province of the Dominion in which, our co-religionists have an overwhelming majority, the province in which the C. M. B. A. should have a larger membership than in all the others combined. I trust that the cause of this anomaly may be sought out and speedily removed by those whose duty it is to push the beneficent designs of the organization in that portion of the Dominion which should be by all odds the most promising field.

I was pleased to see that the Board of Trustees of the Grand Council, at its last meeting, made a change in the method of soliciting new members. The results of the efforts of the paid organizers were by no means commensurate with the cost of their employment, and I have no doubt but the bonus plan recently adopted will bring in new members equally fast, and at much less per capita cost. It will now devolve more than formerly on Grand Deputies to prosecute the work of establishing new branches in their respective jurisdictions, and in this connection I am pleased to report that Grand Deputy McIsaac, of Queen's County, is already moving in this direction, with a good prospect of instituting at least two new branches at an early date.

Branch 216 has been working energetically, determined, if possible, to reach the century mark before the close of the current year, and, at the present writing, with excellent prospects of success, as you can yourself testify. In making an effort to accomplish this most desirable result we thankfully acknowledge the material assistance rendered by His Lordship the Bishop of Charlottetown, who, in a pastoral letter recently issued, strongly commended the C. M. B. A. to the favorable consideration of Catholics throughout his diocese. There is no doubt but this strong endorsement of the Association, together with other evidences of the good Bishop's sympathy, will go far to smooth the way for the C. M. B. A. canvasser, not only in this city but throughout the Province as well. If the same course were adopted by the Church authorities in the several dioceses throughout the Dominion it would be a great aid towards extending the usefulness of our grand organization.

I intended dealing with the sick benefit feature of fraternal associations, but this letter has already exceeded reasonable limits.

Yours fraternally,  
A. McDONALD.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.,  
March 28, 1900.

### INITIATIONS IN MARCH, 1900.

Initiations on Mars.

Br. No.	Location.	
257	Montreal, Que.	1
258	Bacouche, N. B.	1
259	West Publon, N. S.	1
260	St. Henri de Montreal, Que.	1
262	St. John's, N. B.	1
263	Hurstby, Ont.	1
264	Tigreis, P. E. I.	1
265	Goderich, Ont.	1
266	Cap St. Ignace, Que.	1
267	Soorie East, P. E. I.	1
268	Port Lambton, Ont.	1

Mount Forest, Ont.	1
Port Hope, Ont.	1
Waterloo, Ont.	1
St. Catharines, N. B.	1
Rat Portage, Ont.	1
White Bay, P. E. I.	1
Port aux Basques, N. B.	1
Winnipeg, Ont.	1
St. Andrews, N. B.	1
Winnipeg, Ont.	1
Stratford, Ont.	1
Mississauga, Ont.	1
Three Rivers, Que.	1
Merry Hill, Ont.	1
Bergen, Ont.	1
Moorefield, Ont.	1
Fernland, Ont.	1
Yarmouth, N. S.	1
Alexandria, Ont.	1
Summerfield, P. E. I.	1
Charlottetown, P. E. I.	1
Ridgewood, Ont.	1
Fredericton, N. B.	1
Fraserville, Que.	1
Sainte-Anne, Que.	1
Belliveau, St. John's, N. S.	1
Mount St. Patrick, Ont.	1
London, Ont.	1
Brantford, Ont.	1
Berlin, Ont.	1
St. Clements, Ont.	1
Guelph, Ont.	1
Arnprior, Ont.	1
Toronto, Ont.	1
St. Agatha, Ont.	1
Merriton, Ont.	1
Pembroke, Ont.	1
Penetanguishene, Ont.	1
Linday, Ont.	1
Smith's Falls, Ont.	1
Kingsbridge, Ont.	1
Levis, Que.	1
Waterloo, Ont.	1
Quebec, Que.	1
Toronto, Ont.	1
St. John, N. B.	1
St. Vincent des Paul, Que.	1
Halifax, N. S.	1
Moncton, N. B.	1
Kinkora, Ont.	1
Victoriaville, Que.	1
Montreal, Que.	1
Antigonish, N. S.	1
Parrsboro, N. S.	1
Dartmouth, N. S.	1
Fort William, Ont.	1
Egmont Bay, P. E. I.	1
Halifax, N. S.	1
Huntington, P. E. I.	1
Courtice, Ont.	1
Truro, N. S.	1
Tracadie, N. B.	1
Lourdes, N. S.	1
Gaudigne, N. B.	1
Cape Bush, N. B.	1
Pictou, N. S.	1
Cardigan Bridge, P. E. I.	1
St. Jeanne d'Arc, Que.	1
Church Point, N. S.	1
Hatuver, Ont.	1
Forest, Ont.	1
Coaticook, Que.	1
Vernon River, P. E. I.	1
Sussex, N. B.	1

Total..... 122  
N. B. The initiations in the last two branches are charter members.

Les initiations dans les deux dernières succursales sont des membres fondateurs.

### NEW BRANCHES.

Branch No. 211 was instituted on the 2nd day of March, 1901, at Vernon River, P. E. I., by Grand Deputy James McIsaac.

The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Patrick Doyle, D. D.  
President, John A. O'Keefe.  
First Vice-President, Daniel A. MacEachern.

Second Vice-President, John J. McGillivray.  
Recording Secretary, Herbert A. McKenzie.

Assistant Recording Secretary, T. Augustine Brothers.

Financial Secretary, Wm. G. MacDonald  
Treasurer, Frederick V. McInnis.

Marshal, Peter J. Jackson.  
Guard, Albert D. Dunphy.

Trustees, Patrick M. Brothers, C. J. MacKenzie, H. A. McKenzie, Joseph Fraser and Donald F. McDonald.

Branch No. 212 was instituted on the 1st day of March, 1901, at Sussex, N. B., by Grand Deputy P. J. O'Keefe.

The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. E. Savage, P. P.  
President, Rev. E. Savage, P. P.

First Vice-President, Arthur Z. Pennell.

Second Vice-President, George Ryan.

Recording Secretary, Frederick Whalen.  
Assistant Recording Secretary, Jas. L. McCrossin.

Financial Secretary, A. F. Reardon.  
Treasurer, Sylvester Ryan.

Marshal, Wm. Howard.  
Guard, John James Ross.

Trustees, Albert Dean, John Zinnigan, Robert Ross and John Doherty.

### CATHOLIC FRIENDLY SOCIETIES IN CANADA

Sir — Encouraged by the very interesting sketch which Mr. W. M. Fox has given of the growth of Catholic Benefit Societies in Australia, and more particularly of the Hibernian Australian Catholic Benefit Society, I take the liberty of bringing to the attention of your readers some facts in connection with the development of a similar institution in Canada. The Catholic Friendly Societies in our Dominion, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, or the C. M. B. A., as it is popularly known, is easily the first, both in point of age and in point of membership and influence. This Association was first organized in the United States in 1876. A few years later it was introduced in Canada, and in 1880 a Grand Council for Canada was formed, subject to the Supreme Council in the United States. In 1893 the Grand Council for Canada was incorporated, and this Canadian body broke away from the Supreme Council. The Association now consists of 112 branches, with a membership of 144,000. A convention is held every three years, to which each branch is entitled to send a delegate, and this convention is the supreme legislative body. At this convention the officers for the ensuing term are elected by the delegates. The objects of the Association may be briefly stated to be

to become fraternally a persons entitled to membership under its constitution and laws of the Association.

To insure to its members an interest and protection in the event of the members of the Association and to educate them in integrity, honesty and frugality.

To maintain, manage, and disburse a Major, Hospital and Reserve Fund, from which, within sixty days of the receipt at the office of the secretary of the Association of satisfactory evidence of the death of a member of the Association, who has complied with its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding \$100 shall be paid by the Association to the widow, orphans, dependents, or other beneficiaries whom the deceased member has designated, or to the legal representatives of such deceased member.

There are no sick benefits in connection with the Association. The society is blessed by the Holy Father and has the approbation of the hierarchy. All members are required to be practical Catholics, under penalty of expulsion and loss of insurance. The funds of the society are termed the beneficiary fund, derived from the monthly assessments for the purpose of paying the beneficiaries of deceased members; the reserve fund, which is the accumulation of five per cent, set apart of each assessment collected, and the general fund, which is formed by the money received from application fees and monthly dues, and is applied to the management of the branches. The reserve fund now amounts to \$46,713.06. The amount now received annually from assessments exceeds \$200,000.

There is every reason to believe that the next ten years will witness even greater development in this excellent society. Heretofore the French speaking Catholics of Canada have held somewhat aloof, but assurances are now given that they will join in great numbers, and the importance of this fact will become apparent when it is understood that there are nearly a million French speaking Catholics in Canada. Whether an attempt to extend this society to Great Britain and Ireland or to form an alliance with any of the existing Catholic societies in the old country would be successful may perhaps be questioned. Nevertheless the project is worthy of consideration.

Yours etc.,  
J. A. CRANICK, M.  
22 Carlton street, Halifax, N. S.



## ORDER OF BUSINESS

OF THE C. M. B. A.

The following study comprises as many chapters as the order of business of our meetings offers as subjects for our attention and deliberation. It presents an opportunity to discuss the various items of our order of business, and to deal with the questions that interest the association in general, and each of the branches in particular.

This study will give to members all the information they may need for their self government; the holding of the meetings of a branch and the conduct of its deliberations. It implies a programme d'ensemble which embraces everything, provides for everything and instructs in everything.

The C M B A is not merely a life insurance society, it is a Catholic association whose eminent character of benevolence and charity we shall endeavor to demonstrate.

The first order of business calls on the Marshal to ascertain if all present are members of the association, and it needs no further comments.

## THE BRANCH TO OPEN IN DUE FORM.

Each branch must hold regular meetings at least semi-monthly, at the time and place prescribed in its by-laws or in a standing resolution (Sec. 156). The Grand President may, however, for exceptional cases, allow a branch to hold but one monthly meeting.

Apart from regular meetings, there may be also special ones. The special meetings may be called in such manner as the branch shall, by its by-laws or standing resolutions, direct, but no business shall be transacted at such meetings except what was plainly stated in the call for said meetings (Sec. 156).

The attendance at all the meetings is not rigorously required by the constitution, which contents itself by simply rendering liable of removal from office an officer who shall absent himself from three successive regular meetings of the branch, unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable cause (Sec. 193).

The number required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business is seven members in good standing, including one qualified to preside, excepting that branches having a membership of not more than twenty-five may transact business with a quorum of five members. (Sec. 157 amended.)

The meeting shall be opened by the President, or, in his absence, by the First Vice-President, or by the Second Vice-President, in the absence of the two others. If all three are absent the Senior Chancellor present shall preside. (Sec. 157.)

## OPENING CEREMONIES.

There is no reason to dispense with the opening ceremonies, according to the ceremonial. On the contrary all members may draw therefrom salutary teachings, as, for instance, in this statement by the First Vice President:

"To encourage, by all honorable means, Christian union and mutual protection for our members, and those dependent upon them, and also by means of Christian books and literature, approved by our Spiritual Adviser, to educate members and their families in piety, integrity and frugality."

Also in that of the Chancellor:

"There should be due respect paid to all mandates of and decrees from our Grand Council or President, and to the orders of our superiors; the laws

of our association should be observed and strictly enforced, no unnecessary debate should take place, proper decorum should be observed, and business should be promptly transacted."

## PRAYER BY THE SPIRITUAL ADVISER

Let us not forget that we belong to a truly Catholic Association. We could not become members thereof without furnishing the proof of our being practical Catholics, declaring at the same time that we did not belong to any secret society and promising to not fail to comply with the requirements of the Church as to our duty as practical Catholics, under the penalty of ceasing to be members of the Association. The C. M. B. A. therefore does not eliminate the priest.

On the contrary, having carefully placed itself under the regis of the church, all members of the clergy have a right to attend all meetings of the association, whether they be members or not. And Section 100 provides that the resident pastor of the parish in which a branch is located shall be the spiritual adviser thereto, and hence when he is present at a branch meeting, it is the duty of the presiding officer to invite him to recite the opening prayer.

## THE ROLL OF OFFICERS CALLED AND ASSENTERS NOTED.

It is the officers especially who must give the example of regular attendance at meetings, under penalty of removal of office as already stated. The absence of one of them, especially the three presidents or another qualified to preside, may be the cause of grave inconvenience. Officers in office then should have at heart to not deceive the confidence of the brothers who elected them, by not attending regularly the branch meetings. It is to them, more than to other members, that belongs the duty of making up the number required for the quorum, and that is the reason why the roll is called and absentees noted.

The fourth order, which refers to the reading of the minutes, requires no comments.

## INITIATION OF ELECTED CANDIDATES.

The ceremony for the initiation according to the ceremonial, is obligatory, except in the case of a member of the clergy who has only to sign the roll and pay his assessment, etc. And all the solemnity possible should always be given to this ceremony in the midst of a large attendance of members.

The initiation of an applicant must take place within one month after his election. Should he fail or neglect to present himself for initiation within the time mentioned, he shall forfeit his initiation fee and all other claims to membership in the Association.

The initiation cannot take place at the meeting at which an applicant was balloted for, unless the Branch, in urgent cases, so decides by a resolution unanimously adopted (Sec. 151).

Of course before initiating a candidate, the latter must have been ap-

proved by the Supervising Medical Examiner, recommended by a majority of the Branch Trustees and balloted for and elected.

The explanations by the President to the new members should always be complete and clear, especially regard-

ing the payment of assessments.

Upon the initiation of a member the Recording Secretary should not delay forwarding to the Grand Secretary said member's application for membership, properly filled in as required on said blank form. It is the proper notice of initiation.

REGISTERS AND BALLOTTING  
DAYS AND DATES

The admission of applicants for membership is of vital importance to the Association. The trustees whose duty it is to inquire into and report up on the character and fitness of applicants to become members, have a great responsibility, of which they must be fully conscious. It is incumbent on them not to recommend a candidate who is a hazard for insurance. They also from a moral point of view should not allow to enter our ranks trouble some persons or men who do not possess the qualities required by the constitution.

No applicant shall be ballotted for until a favorable report upon his application has been presented to the branch from the Grand Secretary and a majority of the Board of Branch Trustees. See 101. Members have, in this case, the same duty to fulfil as the Trustees, and they should be particularly zealous of their prerogative to reject any applicant who is not worthy of becoming a member, although approved by the Supervising Medical Examiner as a low cancer risk and recommended by the Trustees as to his character and fitness to become a member. The Trustees may well be ignorant of certain facts known by other members of the branch and sufficient to reject the applicant. On the other hand one must avoid being guided by prejudice, rancour, or spite, which might urge one to vote against an applicant absolutely worthy.

When an applicant has been rejected by a vote of the branch, notice of the same should be immediately sent by the Recording Secretary to the Grand Secretary. Sec. 150.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND  
REFERENCE FOR INVESTIGATION

The application is read at a regular meeting of the Branch, entered on the records and referred to the Board of Trustees for investigation, whose duty it is to report at the next regular meeting of the branch after the receipt by the branch of the notice of approval by the Supervising Medical Examiner of the applicant's medical certificate. Sec. 171.

To be continued.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF  
BRANCH 87.

On Wednesday, 7th of March last, the Dionne Hall, the meeting place of Branch No. 87, was magnificently decked with small flags on the occasion of the inauguration of the new mode of recruiting members, adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees in Montreal at the end of January.

The meeting opened in due form under the presidency of brother President Joseph Boland, having on his right Rev. M. Roux, Spiritual Adviser of the branch; Grand Deputies A. H. Spedding, A. B. Poltevin, J. J. Costigan, Chas. Fortier, J. Feely, ex-Grand Deputy C. Daudelin and President Sharkey, of Branch No. 2.

There were also present the following brothers: J. A. Laguerrier, 2nd Vice-President, Branch 112; J. Lozeau, Recording Secretary, Branch 142; J. B. Quenne, Treasurer, Branch 112; G. Messier, Recording Secretary, Branch 240; P. A. Hubert, Recording Secretary, Branch 53; L. F. Turpin, Treasurer, Branch 53; Ernest Therrien, Branch 140; and a great number of other members from the sister branches of the district of Montreal.

The Recording Secretary read tele-

grams from the Grand President, the Hon. M. E. Hackett, Grand Secretary S. R. Brown, Grand Trustee, J. J. Rehan and Supervising Medical Examiner, F. Ryan expressing regrets at being unable to attend the meeting and wishing every success to the branch.

The following gentlemen were initiated members: J. J. Strelot, F. Martineau, P. L. Dufresne, J. Doay, A. Leguerrier, N. Berthiaume, A. Legault, J. Dauchamp, A. Patenaude, L. A. LeBœuf, H. Marois, J. R. Brault, J. Bourdier, D. Hennessy and A. S. Faville.

Speeches were delivered by Rev. Father Roux, who in the course of his remarks said the Church looked upon the C M B A as a truly Catholic Association, destined to play a very important role in society.

Grand Deputy Spedding followed him, endeavoring to explain to the new members their duties towards the Association.

He was followed by Grand Deputy Costigan, who said he would speak in English, for he found among the newly initiated members Mr. Daniel Hennessy, an English speaking member, and for this reason he would address the meeting in his language. He congratulated the Branch on having initiated fifteen members the same evening and complimented Brother J. E. Bourgeau on his success with the new plan of increasing the membership, a plan which he had so well upheld before the Executive of the C M B A lately.

Brothers Potvin, Feely, Daudelin, Sharkey, Lozeau, Messier, Hubert, Turpin, Marois, Fr. Martineau and J. E. Bourgeau also spoke on the good of the C M B. A.

The present method of Branch 87 and the C M. B. A in general, for increasing the membership was adopted by the Executive at the suggestion of Grand Deputy Bourgeau.

Instead of defraying expenses of organizers to organize new branches and increase the membership, of those already in existence, each member is now constituted a canvasser and the association pays him the sum of \$3.00 for each new member he brings in.

It was moved by Brothers A. Marois and S. Picard and unanimously resolved:

That thanks be tendered to Rev. M. Roux, the Grand Deputy and sister branches for having so generously answered the call of the branch in attending this meeting in such large numbers.

The following resolutions of condolence were also adopted at the same meeting:

Moved by Brothers A. Marois and A. Bourdon and received.

That the members of Branch 87 have learned with regret the death of M. J. Drolet, son of M. E. Drolet, one of the most devoted members of this branch.

Moved by Brothers S. Picard and Francis Martineau and received:

That the family of Bro. Drolet, in this day of trial, accept the condolence and sympathy of the members of this branch and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the official organ, THE CANADIAN, for publication.

After some other routine business the meeting was closed in due form.

A good conscience can bear very much, and is very useful in the midst of adversity.

An evil conscience is always fearful and unquiet, sweetly shalt thou rest, if the heart upbraid thee not.

## TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY.

of Branch 75, Penetanguishene Ont.

The hall was prettily decorated with red, white and blue bunting. In a brief introductory speech the chairman, Bro. Louis Gignac, President of Branch 75, welcomed the audience, which was a very large one.

Spiritual Adviser Rev. Father LaBoreau next came forward on the platform and congratulated Branch 75 on its progress during the past year and hoped the Branch would continue in its good work.

Bro. Rev. Father Beaudoin, of Lafontaine, followed in a neat and humorous speech in French, and explained very clearly all the advantages accruing to those belonging to an association such as the C.M.B.A.

The President next called on Rev. Father Barcelo, of Midland, who said that though not a member of the C.M.B.A., he had its advancement at heart, and was pleased to see so many of his own parishioners members of Branch 75. He closed by saying that he did not know why he had been asked to speak; perhaps he had been thrown in to make up the number.

The President then called on Mr. Theodore Duquette, of Lafontaine, Chief Ranger of the C.O.F., also on Bro. Alphonse Tessier and Bro. P.T. Lalonde.

Bro. Minhanon, of Branch 11, Arnprior, spoke very highly of the good of the C.M.B.A.

Then Rev. Father Beaudoin and Rev. Father Barcelo favored the audience with a nice collection of solos and duets.

The President then expressed the deep regret of the members on their learning of the departure of Bro. P.T. McDonald, and called upon Bro. D.J. Shanahan, Bro. Jas. Wynne, and Bro. P.A. McDonald, M.D., who had been appointed as a committee to prepare an address. Bro. D.J. Shanahan read the following:

## ADDRESS

To Bro. P.T. McDonald.

It is with the deepest regret that we, the members of Penetanguishene Branch No. 75, of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, have learned of your intended departure from our midst. We therefore feel it our duty to show in some way our esteem for you, and our recognition of your valuable assistance to our association since its organization.

Twelve years have now rolled by since we organized here, and you are one of its few remaining charter members. You have during this time been an earnest worker for its welfare, and its members have shown their appreciation of your efforts by electing you to the most important offices in their gant. You have proved yourself an able, intelligent and energetic officer, a careful and painstaking worker in watching over those many little affairs that make or mar our association. It is, then, no wonder that we deeply regret your departure and feel that in losing you we lose the service of one who never spared his time or talents when our interests were at stake.

We are not here to enumerate all your good qualities. They have borne fruit for themselves, but we feel that we cannot allow you to depart without showing in some way, more fully than words can express, our appreciation of your past services and the high esteem in which we hold you, both as a member and a cheerleader of our branch. We, therefore, respectfully request you to accept this accompanying gift of a clock as a souvenir of the profound respect and warm friendship that your brother members have for you.

We regrettably say farewell, and wish happiness, prosperity and God's choicest blessings on yourself, wife and family.

Signed on behalf of Branch No. 75.

JAMES WYNNE,  
P.A. McDONALD, M.D.  
D.J. SHANAHAN.

Bro. P.T. McDonald replied in feeling terms, expressing the sorrow which he and his family felt at parting from friends so tried and true, among

whom he had spent so many happy days.

Then Bro. Jas. Wynne came forward on the platform and delivered a very eloquent speech setting forth the high esteem in which Bro. P.T. McDonald and his family were held and wished them every happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Bro. D.J. Shanahan followed in his very pleasing way and said he was pleased to be present at the twelfth anniversary of Branch 75. It would be well, said the speaker, to look back a little to its position twelve years ago. It must be remembered that the C.M.B.A. was then an American institution and that now it was a purely Canadian society. Today the membership numbered 13,100, and was still increasing. The association showed a constant and steady progress. The C.M.B.A. was protecting hundreds of families from the North West territory, inclusively, down to the Atlantic Ocean. As an insurance brotherhood its principles were sound and its rates just, giving insurance at cost from year to year. In closing Bro. Shanahan thanked the audience for their attention and wished Bro. McDonald prosperity in his new home.

After the meeting all adjourned to the Northern House, where supper was served by Bro. Jos. Dusome.

## EUCHRE LEAGUE OF TORONTO BRANCHES.

Early in February a circular letter was sent to all the branches in this city, including Branch 307, Toronto Junction, asking them to appoint a delegate to represent their branch at a meeting to be held at an early date to consider the advisability of forming a Euchre League.

The meeting was held recently, at which Branches 15, 19, 55, 111, 114 and 145 were represented. Branch 200 sent a letter regretting their inability to take part at present. Branch 111 subsequently withdrew, as it was thought by them that they would not be able to play the full schedule on account of several of their members being constantly out of city. Bro. Ed. T. Boland, of Branch 111, was elected chairman and Bro. W. Winterbury, of Branch 55, Secretary, and the following schedule was decided on:

## SCHEDULE.

March 16—Branch 111 at Branch 15;  
March 19—Branch 115 at Branch 55;  
March 22—Branch 49 at Branch 111.

April 16—Branch 49 at Branch 55;  
April 17—Branch 111 at Branch 115;  
April 20—Branch 55 at Branch 15;  
April 26—Branch 115 at Branch 111;  
April 27—Branch 15 at Branch 49.

May 10—Branch 15 at Branch 111;  
May 15—Branch 55 at Branch 145;  
May 18—Branch 49 at Branch 15;  
May 21—Branch 111 at Branch 55;  
May 25—Branch 145 at Branch 49;

June 15—Branch 145 at Branch 15;  
June 18—Branch 15 at Branch 55;  
June 19—Branch 19 at Branch 145;  
June 22—Branch 111 at Branch 49;  
June 28—Branch 55 at Branch 111.

July 3—Branch 15 at Branch 145;  
July 13—Branch 55 at Branch 49.

The Committee decided to give a banner to the Branch that wins the greatest number of games in the series.

A special prize will be given to the branch that has the largest attendance at the games in proportion to their membership. This will include everybody. And we would like to see a good turn out by each branch, in order that we may get acquainted and know who are members of the C.M.B.A. in this city.

## THE McDONOUGH APPEAL

Arnprior, Feb. 27, 1900.

Samuel R. Brown, Esq., London, Ont.:

Dear Sir and Bro.—In addition to what has already been received in response to the appeal from Branch 44, in aid of Bro. McDonough, please add the following names:

Br. No.	
1 St. Marys, Ont.	\$ 2.00
2 Midland, Ont.	1.00
3 Fraserdale, Que.	1.00
4 Egaville, Ont.	1.00
5 St. Thomas, Ont.	2.00
6 Rentre, Ont.	1.00
7 Grace Bay, N.S.	2.00
8 Kensington, P.E.I.	1.00
9 Seaton, Ont.	1.00
10 Galt, Ont.	1.00
11 Robichaud, N.B.	1.00
12 Bradford, Ont.	1.00
13 Dartmouth, N.S.	1.00
14 Quebec, Que.	1.00
15 Meteghan, N.S.	1.00
16 Dorchester, N.B.	1.00
17 Buctouche, N.B.	1.00
18 Fletcher, Ont.	1.00
19 Lower E. Pionico, N.S.	1.00
20 Montreal, Que.	1.00
21 Tilbury, Ont.	1.00
22 Hanover, Ont.	1.00
23 Fortino, Ont.	1.00
24 Hamilton, Ont.	2.00
25 Galt, Ont.	1.00
26 Carbonear, Que.	1.00
27 Farnham, Ont.	1.00
28 L'Orignal, Ont.	1.00
29 St. Agatha, Ont.	1.00
30 Ridgeview.	1.00
31 Wellington, P.E.I.	1.00
32 St. Vincent de Paul, Que.	1.00
33 Caribou, Ont.	1.00
34 Napanee, Ont.	1.00
35 Suder, Ont.	1.00
36 Westville, N.S.	1.00
37 Quebec.	1.00
38 Berlin, Ont.	2.00
39 Kempsville, Ont.	1.00
40 Sunnyside.	1.00
41 Montreal, Que.	1.00
42 Quebec, Que.	1.00
43 St. Basile, N.B.	1.00
44 Lindsay, Ont.	1.00
45 Halifax, N.S.	1.00
46 Belie River, Ont.	1.00
47 Stanstead, Que.	1.00
48 Maitland, Ont.	1.00
49 Almonte, Ont.	1.00
50 Egmont Bay, P.E.I.	1.00
51 Three Rivers, Que.	1.00
52 Georgetown, P.E.I.	1.00
53 Guelph, Ont.	1.00
54 West Pubnico, N.S.	1.00
55 Kinkora, Ont.	1.00
56 Lindsay Junction, Ont.	1.00
57 Mount Forest, Ont.	1.00
58 Stratford, Ont.	1.00
59 Battledore, N.W.T.	1.00
60 Ottawa, Ont.	1.00
61 Sarnia, Ont.	1.00
62 Louisville, P.E.I.	1.00
63 St. Jean Baptiste, Man.	1.00
64 Winnipeg, Man.	2.00
65 Richmond, Que.	1.00
66 Percé, Ont.	1.00
67 Hespeler, Ont.	1.00
68 Yarmouth, N.S.	1.00
69 Victoriaville, Que.	1.00
70 Chatham, Ont.	1.00
71 Biddulph, Ont.	1.00
72 Brechin, Ont.	1.00
73 Westmoreland, N.B.	1.00
74 Albert, N.B.	1.00
75 Fredericton, N.B.	1.00
76 Thomas Ward, Boucherville, Ont.	1.00
77 Killaloe, Ont.	1.00
78 Port William, Ont.	1.00
79 Walkerton, Ont.	1.00
80 Charlottetown, P.E.I.	1.00
81 Hesson, Ont.	1.00

## A SEAFORTH EVENING.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th, the members of Branch 23, C.M.B.A., Seaford, gave an enjoyable *At Home* in their new hall for the relatives and friends of the members. After a jolly and rousing two hours of progressive euchre, an entertaining and much appreciated programme of addresses, vocal and instrumental music was proceeded with.

The chairman, Brother J. L. Killoran, the president of the branch, opened the programme in a brief but pithy address on the objects of the C.M.B.A. On behalf of the branch he wished to thank the ladies and visitors present for the large attendance and expressing the hope that frequent similar evenings would be enjoyed in the future. In his address, the advantages of membership, the business like record of the society, and its standing as the foremost among Catholic fraternal associations, the

strong support the association receives from the Hierarchy and clergy of the Church, the able management, and rapidly increasing Reserve Fund, the admirable field in which the association works among Catholic men in a healthy, rugged country, were dwelt on in a manner to convince the non-members present of the splendid future ahead of the association, and of the advisability of taking steps towards joining it. One point strongly advanced was the testimony of Sir John Bourinot, LL.D., etc., in his work on public meetings and proceedings, in which he recommended the C.M.B.A. as a model on account of its elaborate code of bylaws for the transaction of its business.

Miss M. McQuade received a hearty applause for her solo, "The Home I Love so Dear." A recitation followed in which Miss Mona Sils earned continued applause. Bro. P. V. Burgard fairly brought down the house, with his two comic songs, "Sligo's Light Dragoons" and "Barnum's Managerie." A variation in the form of a clog dance, by Mr. P. Mulcahy, was very much enjoyed and reflects great credit on the performer. Miss B. Daly then favored us with a solo, which was well rendered in a modest and unassuming manner, as is always her wont, "The Fairies." The instrumental solo of Miss M. Dorsey was very much appreciated, the manipulation of the keys proving her to be an accomplished pianist. The bass solo of Mr. W. L. Duncan was highly creditable and was well received. Mr. Duncan is a rising basso, well trained, and a bright future is in store for him. The comic solos of Bro. Wm. Moran Seaford's Irish comedian and humorist, fairly convulsed the audience, and were greeted by continued applause.

Rev. Father McCabe graced the occasion with his presence, and addressing those present in his accustomed genial manner added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. The President, Bro. J. Killoran, then thanked all present for the kind attention given to the different performers, and gave expression to his thoughts that a similar gathering would take place in the near future, and announcing that the national anthem would be sung, which brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

## THE JESUITS IN LONDON.

In one of the most unpretentious little side streets of the west end of London there is one of the most famed and fashionable of Catholic churches in that city. It is in Farm street that the Jesuit Fathers minister to a large and distinguished congregation. It was originally built in 1849, and is now for the third time being enlarged. The site was originally purchased from the Duke of Westminster at a cost of £20,000, and since that time some adjoining ground has been secured at considerable expense. The new wing, it is estimated, will cost £13,000.

## FOR NON-CATHOLICS.

The Jesuit Fathers are the latest to branch out into the non-Catholic field. Last week an experimental mission to outsiders was given in St. Francis Xavier's college hall, New York city. It was such a success that the Fathers are likely to go into the work in earnest. Rev. Henry Van Rensselaer conducted the mission, and at the end of it twenty-five inquirers handed in their names for further instruction.

## BRO. JAMES STRONG'S APPEAL.

Belle River March 5, 1900.

Br. No.		
26 Quebec	20	
21 Halifax	1.00	
21 Weymouth Bridge, N. S.	1.00	
72 Wellington Station	1.00	
52 Tilbury	1.00	
27 Mount St. Patrick	1.00	
19 Gananoque	2.00	
102 Richmond, Que.	2.00	
107 Dorchester, N. B.	1.00	
87 St. Brigitte, Montreal	1.00	
237 Bouchette, N. B.	1.00	
250 Middle East Publco.	1.00	
250 Quebec West	.50	
151 Eganville	1.00	
23 Seaforth, Ont.	2.00	
288 Kingston Mills	2.00	
211 Princeton, P. E. I.	1.00	
251 Battleford, N. W. T.	1.00	
18 Stratford, Ont.	1.00	
81 Smith's Falls, Ont.	1.00	
101 Trois Rivieres, Ont.	1.00	
5 Sarnia, Ont.	1.00	
12 Ingersoll, Ont.	1.00	
24 Killaloe	1.00	
319 Nepean, Ont.	1.00	
Amount previously acknowledged	16.15	
	\$177.40	

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Summerside, P. E. I., 20 March, 1900.  
S. R. Brown, Esq., Grand Secy. C. M. B. A. of Canada, London, Ont.

Dear Sir—Allow me to thank you and the other Grand Officers of the C. M. B. A. for the prompt remittance of \$1.00, the amount of the certificate held by my late husband in the association.

I sincerely trust the beneficiary character of the association, not to speak of its social and fraternal features, will commend it more and more to the discriminating Catholic and bread winner.

Yours gratefully,  
MRS. JOHN KELLY.

## NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 422 was instituted on the 28th day of February 1900, at Reserve Mines, N. S., by Provincial Organizer A. T. Mac Donald.

The following is the list of officers:  
Spiritual Adviser, Rev. R. McNamee.  
President, John Donovan.  
First Vice-President, Angus McVicar.  
Recording Secretary, John M. Keate.  
Financial Secretary, James Donovan.  
Treasurer, Martin Hines.  
Marshal, Lawrence Kelhoe.  
Guard, Thos. F. Morgan.

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Branch No. 164, Moncton, N. B., on the death of Bro. John M. Lyons' mother.

Branch No. 237, Buctouche, N. B., on the death of Bro. R. Sutton's sister.

Branch No. 203, Ganso, N. S., on the death of Bro. D. V. Meagher's sister.

Branch No. 44, Arnprior, Ont., on the death of Bro. Patrick O'Mally's father.

Branch No. 104, Waterloo, Ont., on the death of Bro. Steven Ellefson's father.

Branch No. 79, Gananoque, Ont., on the death of Bro. James Sophy's son.

Branch No. 139, Bathurst, N. B., on the death of Bro. William Maloughney's father.

Branch No. 175, Kinkora, Ont., on the death of Bro. Jeremiah Crowley's brother-in law; also on the death of Bro. E. Brown's sister.

Branch No. 281, Tignish, P. E. I., on the death of Bro. A. Bernard's father.

Branch No. 65, Ayton, Ont., on the death of Bro. James Young's wife.

Branch No. 44, Arnprior, Ont., on the death of Bro. Lawrence Clarke's infant daughter.

Branch No. 233, Pictou, Ont., on the death of Bro. A. McKenna's mother and also Joseph McLaughlin's sister.

Branch No. 64, Almonte, Ont., on the death of Bro. Patrick Ryan's mother.

Branch No. 52, Winnipeg, Man., on the death of Bro. W. J. O'Neill's son.

Branch No. 284, Glace Bay, N. S., on the death of Bro. Anthony Gannon's sister.

Branch No. 283, Ganso, N. S., on the death of Bro. Alexander Keating's mother.

Branch No. 211, Rat Portage, Ont., on the death of the wife and mother, respectively, of Bros. George and Arthur Derry.

Branch No. 177, Newcastle, N. B., on the death of Bro. Wm. Power's mother.

Branch No. 101, Halifax, N. S., on the death of Bro. Wm. P. Ward's son; also on the death of Bro. Andrew McGrath's wife.

Branch No. 32, Wingham, Ont., on the death of Bro. John Stafford's father.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 2, St.

Thomas, Ont., held on Feb. 21st, it was moved and seconded that a resolution of condolence be tendered our worthy brother John McCaffrey, on the death of his brother.

Branch No. 146, Church Point, N. S., on the death of Bro. Joseph Saulnier's father.

Branch No. 41, Barrie, Ont., on the death of Bro. Very Rev. Dean Hogan's sister.

At an emergency meeting of Branch 119 Welland held on Dec. 1, the following resolution was proposed by Bro. M. McAuliff seconded by Bro. T. R. Dowd, and passed by standing vote:

That Branch 119 Welland, Ont., learns with the deepest regret of the death of our beloved President Thomas Francis Brown and hasten to convey to the bereaved widow and family of our deceased President this sincere expression of condolence, and while praying for the repose of his soul, we beseech him to remember his sterling worth, we bow to the will of the Almighty. Who knew all things, at the same time praying our Divine Father to console the bereaved widow, sister and brother in this the hour of their trial.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the family and to THE CANADIAN.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 241, Pakenham, Ont., it was moved, seconded and unanimously:

Resolved, whereas it hath pleased the Almighty to remove by death from our midst our esteemed brother Joseph Henry Girouard, and that the members of this branch do extend to the parents, brothers and sisters of our late brother their sincere sympathy in this their sad hour of affliction and hope that Almighty God will comfort and sustain them.

That a copy of this resolution be inscribed in the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to the friends of our late brother and also inserted in THE CANADIAN.

At a regular meeting of Branch 161 Halifax, N. S., held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 5th, the following resolution was moved by Bro. Robert Clancy, and seconded by Bro. Patrick Connolly, and passed unanimously:

Whereas it has pleased our Divine Redeemer to call to Himself our esteemed and respected brother James P. McGill, there fore be it

Resolved that, while we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, the members of Branch 161 hereby tender to the widow and family of our deceased brother their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in these the sad days of their sorrow and affliction. Further

Resolved that this resolution be placed on the minutes of the branch and a copy be sent to Mrs. McGill and to our official organ for publication.

At the last regular meeting of St. Paul's Branch, No. 20, Toronto, Ont., held on Feb. 26th, the following resolutions were adopted on motion of Bro. O'Hara, seconded by Bro. Ebach:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His wisdom to remove by death our worthy and esteemed charter member, Brother D. Hartnett.

Resolved that we, the officers and members of Branch 20, hereby express our heartfelt sorrow for his widow and children, and extend our most sincere sympathy and condolence in their sad affliction.

Resolved that our charter be draped for the usual period and that copies of this resolution be sent to his widow and THE CANADIAN for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 34, Almonte, Ont., held March 6, the following resolutions of condolence were moved and unanimously carried:

That we, the members of Branch No. 34, desire to record with deep regret our heartfelt sorrow for the loss we have sustained by the death of our esteemed brother, John Neville;

Resolved that we, the members of this branch, tender to the widow and family of our late brother our sincere sympathy and condolence with them in their great loss, and pray that God in His great mercy will protect and comfort them.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Neville and published in the Catholic Record and THE CANADIAN.

On motion of Bro. E. H. Rouleau, seconded by Bro. J. W. Costello, at a meeting of Branch 126, Calgary, N. W. T., February 27, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that the members of this branch desire to tender their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Bro. C. E. Dennehey, deceased.

The late Bro. C. E. Dennehey, assistant principal of the High River Industrial school for Indians, was a member of this branch for the past seven years and was held in the highest esteem by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was a good practical Catholic full of zeal, piety and benevolence. His memory will long be cherished by the many friends left behind to mourn his loss.

A copy of sympathy and assurance of our prayers for his soul may enjoy the eternal bliss prepared for the faithful.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to THE CANADIAN and Cath. Rec'd for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch 24, M. A. Springhill, N. S., held March 3, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by a silent standing vote:

Whereas it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death our esteemed brother, James Dunn, father of our deceased

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brother, James Dunn.

Resolved, as we the officers and members of Branch 24, while bowing to the divine will and imploring the divine mercy on the departed, extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Dunn and other members of the family of deceased, and be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Dunn, wife of deceased and to Brother James Dunn and published in THE CANADIAN and Cath. Rec'd.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 19, Charlottetown, P. E. I., held on Monday, Feb. 27, 1900, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His reward Brother Simon P. Grant who died at his residence Mid View on the 2nd February.

Therefore resolved that Branch 19 shall place on record an expression of the regret shared in by its officers and members at the loss sustained by the death of a comparatively early age, of one of its most esteemed and worthy members, who was also a charter member of the Branch; and we desire to convey to the sorrowing family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, sadder still from the fact that only quite recently were they called upon to mourn the death of another beloved and youthful member of the household.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 2, Kingsbridge Ashfield Jan. 1, 1900, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His Divine Providence to remove by the hand of death our late beloved pastor the Rev. S. J. Dixon, be it

Resolved that it is branch extend their sincere sympathy and condolence to the relatives of the deceased in their affliction, and also that we express our profound sorrow for the loss of our spiritual Adviser, and be it further

Resolved that our charter be draped and that we have Mass of Requiem said and that the members of our branch attend and go to Holy Communion in a body for the repose of his soul.

Resolved that these resolutions be spread on our minute and a copy be sent to the relatives of the deceased, THE CANADIAN and Catholic Record for publication.

Barrie, Ont., March 29, 1900.

The painful news announcing the death of Mr. John Kerr, who was a member of Branch 31, was received by the members with the most profound sorrow.

Whereas Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, J. Kerr, and one whose life was most fervent and practical in the duties of his faith, we bow submissively to His holy will.

And we, the members of Branch 31, beg to express to his sorrowing parents our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of their loving son, and pray that God may comfort them in their affliction.

And further that a copy of this be sent to THE CANADIAN for publication, to Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, and same spread on the minutes of the meeting.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 27, Penetanguishene, Ont., held in March 1, 1900, the following resolutions of condole were moved and unanimously adopted:

That we, the members of Branch No. 27, desire to record with deep regret our sorrow at the death of our much beloved brother, John Allen.

Resolved that we tender to the widow and family of our late brother our sincere sympathy and condole with them in their great loss and pray that God in His great mercy may comfort and protect them.

Resolved that our charter be draped for one month and that these resolutions be recorded on the minutes of our meeting and a copy be sent to Mrs. John Allen and also be published in the Catholic Record and our official organ, THE CANADIAN.

## BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 1900.

Branch No. 1, St. John's, Newfoundland, president William J. Kelly, 1st vice-president Joseph Alex. Fitzgerald, 2nd vice-president, Leonard Robinson, recording secretary Harry W. Fleury, assistant secretary, John J. Hayes, treasurer, John J. Hayes, marshal, Antonio Amato, guard, Walter Hurley, trustees, F. P. Harton, Joseph Valentine, John Burns, Joseph Lemay and Alex. Kelly.

Branch No. 2, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president Archibald McLean, 2nd vice-president, Tom L. McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 3, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 4, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 5, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

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Branch No. 7, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

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Branch No. 9, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

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Branch No. 11, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

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Branch No. 13, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 14, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 15, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 16, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 17, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 18, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 19, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 20, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

Branch No. 21, Spiritwood, Alberta, president Rev. Peter Lennon, 1st vice-president, James Norval, 2nd vice-president, John McLean, recording secretary, W. B. Schuster, assistant secretary, F. H. Ryan, treasurer, Harry Peacock, marshal, James M. McLean, trustees, John K. McLean, John J. Hayes, and Jas. McDonald.

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Spiritual adviser Rev George Corbett, president F O'Callaghan, 1st vice-president Stephen Sloan, 2nd vice-president Curtis Duroche, recording secretary P McCabe, assistant secretary Agnes Silman, financial secretary D G McDonald, treasurer P Denney, marshal P Denney (L), guard Joseph Laplant, trustees John F O'Neill, John Duffy, Curtis Duroche, Bartholomew Leclair and J Lalonde.

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Spiritual adviser Rev A Villeneuve, president John Cadet, 1st vice-president Arthur Cecile, 2nd vice-president Ferdinand Henrion, recording secretary John Dugal, assistant secretary Thomas Cada, financial secretary Denis Rocheleau, treasurer Gilbert Bedell, marshal Philip May, guard Joseph Roy, trustees Joseph Morand, Fred Dumouchelle, Gilbert Bedell and Adhemar Jacques.

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## Branch No. 49.

Spiritual adviser Rev Father Dozois, president John McMickim, 1st vice-president F Melini, 2nd vice-president E Cardinal, recording secretary J A Fink, assistant secretary G T Smith, financial secretary G L Lamontagne, treasurer N Fink, marshal B Charon, guard Jas Bunnay, trustees B Charon E Cardinal, B J Gilligan, E Bonuit and J A Fink.

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Spiritual adviser Rev E A Latapie, president William Duff, 1st vice-president Gideon Desjardins, 2nd vice-president Bernard Lucey, recording secretary Jas P Sarsfield, assistant secretary M J Neville, financial secretary M Howe, treasurer James Devlin, marshal M J Legge, guard T Delaney, trustees Ed Behan, A J Fortier, A Mehan, L O Payette and N J Gareau.

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Spiritual adviser Rev Father Prevost, president Basile Carriere, 1st vice-president Triste St Jean, 2nd vice-president Joseph Ste Marie, recording secretary Ludgar Genest, assistant secretary Nelson Cloutier, financial secretary George Ardouin Jr, treasurer J T Madore, marshal Treille Carriere, guard J P Label, trustees Stanislas Simon, Damien Richer, Andre Bray, Olivier Grattou and Oswald May.

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Spiritual adviser Rev M Halm, president L A Hinperger, 1st vice-president Thos Godfrey, 2nd vice-president Peter Sauer, recording secretary Goo Herringer, assistant secretary H Keelan, financial secretary John F Schnett, treasurer Alex Kramer, marshal L S Diemert, guard Aug Misra, trustee A Kramer, H Keelan, C Schurter, Goo Herringer and A Schneider.

## Branch No. 53.

Spiritual adviser Rev C B Murray, president John E Murray, 1st vice-president Jas Polkey, 2nd vice-president Fred Hutchison, recording secretary Chas H Goodwin, assistant secretary Thos Holing, financial secretary Jas Fitzpatrick, treasurer S W Dion, marshal Jas Burns, guard Henry Desjardins, trustees L E LaBelle, Goo Nolan, J E Murray, Jas Fitzpatrick and C A Goodwin.

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Spiritual adviser Rev J J Gehl, president John M Fischer, 1st vice-president Got Arnold, 2nd vice-president Leopold Kramer, recording secretary John B Goetz, assistant secretary A Senell, financial secretary Julius Noll, treasurer Andrew A Schwartz, marshal N T Ohlheiser, guard Alex Hergott, trustees John Schnurr, Jacob Lehman, Ed Kuntz, B Beigesener and Julius Noll.

## Branch No. 55.

Spiritual adviser Rev T F Laboureau, president Louis Gigne, 1st vice-president Joe Maurice, 2nd vice-president M Baudouin, recording secretary P T McDonald, assistant secretary L Duome, financial secretary W R Parker, treasurer Dr P A McDonald, marshal Louis Mahen, guard James Doran, trustees D J Shanahan, A Tessier, M Baudouin, H T Marchildon and Joe Duome.

## Branch No. 56.

Spiritual adviser Rev M Crawley, president Robert Thompson, 1st vice-president John Dowrie, 2nd vice-president John Trunisch, recording secretary Wm A G Hardy, assistant secretary John J Rahey, financial secretary Edward McGinty, treasurer Jas Gilcock, marshal M Lynch, guard James Maloy, trustees Alex Tisdale, Wm A G Hardy, Thos Hanley, Robt Thompson and James Hanley.

## Branch No. 57.

Spiritual adviser Rev P D Laurent, president Charles Podger, 1st vice-president J J Macdonell, 2nd vice-president M McGough, recording secretary L V O'Connor, assistant secretary B J Gough, financial secretary Jno

O'Reilly, treasurer P J Hurley, marshal J C Smily, guard H H Harry, trustees P J Hurley, J A Gilligan, H Fitzpatrick, S J Punkott and A M Stevens.

## Branch No. 58.

Spiritual adviser Rev Father Jeffott, president Rev Father Jellett, 1st vice-president O Muller, recording secretary James Rinehart, assistant secretary L O'Conor, financial secretary Thomas McKittrick, treasurer Thos Powers, marshal James Tracy, trustees Rev Father Jellett, Leo O'Connor and J Power.

## Branch No. 59.

Recording secretary John Nalon, financial secretary Thomas Roach, treasurer M McParland.

## Branch No. 60.

Spiritual adviser Rev Father Lingols, president Samuel Mathers, 1st vice-president T Mailoux, 2nd vice-president Alex Cassidy, recording secretary F J Belanger, assistant secretary Henry Boulet, financial secretary Laurence Lemire, treasurer Henry Benoit, marshal E Gidoux, guard Joe Lejeune, trustees Rev Father Lingols, Chas Trudeau, Chas Jeaques, James Carr, and Oliver Sauve.

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President James Rolly, 1st vice-president W Edgeworth, 2nd vice-president John Payne, recording secretary E Grondin, assistant secretary John Meagher, financial secretary D Halpin, treasurer Wm Sutherland, marshal D C Hesly, guard John Brennan, trustees M Ryan, Morrissey, E Grondin, John Meagher and D F Wood.

## Branch No. 62.

Spiritual adviser Rev N Dixon, president Morgan Dalton, 1st vice-president F McCarthy, 2nd vice-president C Lembadus, recording secretary M Whitty, financial secretary John Long, treasurer M Whitty, marshal J O'Neil, guard Thos Stiles, trustees William Lehman, Thos O'Connor, John O'Neill, Thos Stiles and A Young.

## Branch No. 63.

Chancellor P A Boucher, president C Daudeau, 1st vice-president E R Hubert, 2nd vice-president Jos Thibault, recording secretary P A Hubert, assistant secretary B Lajeunesse, financial secretary C E Olivier, treasurer H Howson, marshal E Champagne, guard J S Davidson, trustees L O Bolvin, P A Boucher, Jos Thibault, P A Boucher and B Lajeunesse.

## Branch No. 64.

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Dans le numéro de Mars il s'est glissé une erreur typographique. L'Ordre No 900 à compte du Rèv. M. J. Cummins, doit se lire \$100 (cent) au lieu de \$1,000 (mille).

Il y a eu plus de demandes d'admission dans la C. M. B. A. du Canada pendant le mois de Mars, 1900 que dans aucun autre mois depuis l'institution du Grand Conseil.

La taxe per Capita, la taxe d'initiation et l'honoraire du Médecin Examinateur en chef pour le trimestre finissant le 31 Mars, 1900, sont maintenant dues et devraient être payés sans tarder. Les officiers des succursales qui n'ont pas encore fait remise au Grand Secrétaire du montant dû de ce chef sont priés de lire les clauses 60, 147 et 176 de la constitution et de s'y conformer.

Les succursales doivent collecter et faire remise au Grand Secrétaire de l'honoraire du Médecin-Examinateur en chef. La clause 147 stipule qu'elles seront, dans tous les cas, tenues responsables de cet honoraire. Que l'aspirant ait été approuvé ou rejeté, la succursale à laquelle son application a été faite est tenue responsable de l'honoraire du Médecin en chef; en conséquence les officiers de la succursale, afin de protéger son Fonds Général, devraient voir à ce que cet honoraire soit payé par l'aspirant lorsqu'il présente sa demande d'admission.

### LE BONUS DE \$3

Pour obtenir le bonus au sujet des nouveaux membres, les succursales doivent en faire un compte régulier et l'envoyer au Grand Secrétaire. Des blancs de compte sont fournis par cet officier aux succursales qui en font la demande. On n'apportera aucune attention à toute demande de bonus à moins d'être faite sur la formule régulière imprimée de la C. M. B. A.

### GARANTIE.

Nous croyons nécessaire de répéter nos instructions concernant la garantie que doivent donner le Secrétaire Fin-

ancier et le Trésorier de chaque succursale de l'Association, et nous prions les officiers des succursales qui n'ont pas encore fait remise de la prime pour cette garantie de lire attentivement ce qui suit et de se conformer sans plus tarder à nos règlements à ce sujet.

Toutes les succursales de la C. M. B. A. sont par la présente notifiées que certains arrangements ont été faits avec la corporation des "Employers Liability Assurance" de Londres, Angleterre, par l'entremise de son agent Mr H. J. McKeon, de Montréal, Québec, par lequel la compagnie "mettra une garantie qui comprendra tous les officiers de notre association qui doivent donner une garantie". La Grand Conseil paiera à la corporation la prime totale en un tout, et les succursales paieront les leurs au Grand Secrétaire. Ceci est mieux et donnera plus de satisfaction.

Chaque succursale remettra sans délai sa prime au taux de cinquante cents pour chaque \$100 de garantie pour son Trésorier et son Secrétaire Financier. Le montant de la garantie pour le Secrétaire Financier est de trois dollars pour chaque membre de sa succursale, et de cinq dollars pour le Trésorier. Veuillez la clause 176 et 177 de notre constitution.

L'exemple suivant aidera à comprendre:

Une succursale à 100 membres, sa garantie alors est de \$300 pour le Secrétaire Financier et de \$500 pour le Trésorier, la prime sera donc \$100 et elle devra être remise au Grand Secrétaire annuellement durant le mois de Janvier, ou quand une nouvelle succursale est instituée.

### PAIEMENT DES COTISATIONS PAR LES SUCCURSALES.

Il y a plusieurs succursales qui retardent beaucoup trop d'envoyer les rapports de la cotisation mensuelle et de faire remise des cotisations. La constitution, aussi bien que l'avis mensuel régulier envoyé à toutes nos succursales, disent bien clairement que les dits rapports de la cotisation mensuelle et la remise des cotisations doivent être envoyés au Grand Secrétaire le ou avant le 9ème jour de chaque mois.

Les cotisations Nos. 3 et 4 devraient être payées au Grand Secrétaire le ou avant le 9 Avril. Nous prions nos lecteurs de s'assurer si leurs succursales respectives se sont conformées à cette loi de notre Association.

Toute succursale qui n'en a pas ainsi agi viole notre constitution et commet une grande injustice envers tous et chacun de ses membres et de leurs bénéficiaires. Une succursale qui n'a pas payé la ou les cotisations dans le temps alloué par la constitution *ipso facto* se suspend elle-même; et s'il survenait un décès parmi ses membres durant ce temps, comment ses officiers pourraient-ils donner les affidavits requis par notre preuve de décès, etc.? Un grand

nombre de succursales ne paient pas leur cotisation au Grand Conseil et elles retardent jusqu'à la dernière minute et plusieurs d'entre elles attendent jusqu'au dernier jour du mois. Tout ce dont ces succursales semblent éloignées c'est d'envoyer l'argent en temps pour que le paiement de la cotisation paraîsse dans le Canadian, et ces succursales en d'autre, où leurs membres sont également les premiers se plaindront si le Grand Conseil ne paie pas les cotisations dans le temps ordonné par la constitution. Comment notre Grand Conseil peut-il payer promptement les cotisations si presque toutes ne font pas promptement remise des cotisations? C'est une grande question, et nous espérons sincèrement que chaque membre songera aux assemblées de sa succursale si elle est une de celles auxquelles il est fait mention.

### LE NOUVEL ARRANGEMENT EST UN GRAND SUCCÈS

De plusieurs sources nous avons reçu des lettres louant l'action du Bureau des Syndics, à sa récente assemblée tenue à Montréal, mettant de côté les organisateurs salariés et accordant un honoraire de trois piastres à tout membre qui réussira à en faire initier un nouveau. Cette assurance est suffisante pour garantir, au delà de tout doute, que ce nouveau mode sera dans l'intérêt de l'Association.

Nous demanderons chaque frère de donner la plus sérieuse considération aux avantages de ce plan. L'augmentation de bons risques pour l'Association signifie une diminution du nombre des cotisations et l'allégement du fardeau qui pèse sur les épaules d'un chacun de nous. Celui qui réussit à faire initier un nouveau membre est amplement récompensé de son trouble par l'honoraire de trois piastres, et il est de plus récompensé par la diminution de ses cotisations au moyen du grand nombre de nouveaux membres et de l'infusion du nouveau sang.

Il n'y a pas d'association, faisant affaires en Canada aujourd'hui, qui offre de meilleurs avantages à ses membres que la C. M. B. A. Alors chaque membre devrait être fier d'être soldat dans ses rangs et devrait s'efforcer de son mieux pour en induire d'autres à marcher sous sa bannière.

### PAS DE MAUVAIS RISQUES

Nous devons donner un mot d'avertissement maintenant que les membres s'occupent du travail d'organisation. Nous ne pouvons permettre à d'autres que de bons aspirants de rejoindre la C. M. B. A.; ainsi on devrait solliciter que de bons sujets.

Notre record, l'année dernière, a été magnifique. Quinze cotisations ont été suffisantes. Maintenant agissons de manière que le même nombre suffise pour cette année. Efforçons-nous en sorte que quinze cotisations

suffisent notre aile. Nous le pouvons si nous appuyons du bon dans le choix de nos risques.

S'assurer de bons et vigoureux membres est le devoir non seulement des médecins examinés mais aussi des Syndics des succursales et de chaque membre de l'Association.

### LE MEMBRE QUI TRAVILLE A REUILLER

Nous souhaitons tous fauchiers avec le membre qui trouve toujours à redire, à membre qui rarement a un bon mot dire le "C. M. B. A." et qui est toujours prolique de critiques malveillantes et souvent injustes à l'égard de l'Association. Il pense que le travail de l'Association ou de sa succursale en particulier n'est pas conduit comme il devrait. Il croit que l'Association manque d'esprit de corps, que les membres ne sont pas suffisamment fraternels. De plus, il soutient que notre système d'assurance n'est pas basé sur le principe. Quelquefois son langage prend la forme d'une plainte allant à dire que l'Association n'a pas de mérite parce que quelqu'un avec lequel il a eu des difficultés personnelles est membre de sa succursale. Nous avons connu des cas de ce genre de membre subsistant d'assister aux assemblées parce qu'un de ses amis avait été rejeté, pour des raisons suffisantes, comme aspirant, ou parce qu'il avait été désoeuvré à l'élection des officiers. La forme de plainte la plus commune, cependant, est que les assemblées de sa succursale sont peu nombreuses et peu intéressantes et en conséquence il n'y a pas ces assemblées. Il est jamais sans avoir une plainte quelconque.

Il ne vient jamais à l'idée des membres de cette catégorie que l'Association et les succursales sont précisément ce que les membres les font. Nous nous rappelons le cas d'un membre qui une fois déclara en notre présence que si quelqu'un lui demandait son avis quant à rejoindre l'Association, il voterait l'aspirant que l'Association n'est pas bonne. Ce membre a pris un engagement solennel par lequel il a engagé sa loyauté envers la C. M. B. A., mais il a fait apparemment oublier cette circonstance, triviale pour lui, et comme il arrive quelquefois, avait oublié que c'était son devoir de contribuer en autant qu'il était possible au progrès de l'Association. Certaines corporations fraternelles ont des règlements pourvoyant à l'expulsion de tout membre qui dénigre l'Association ou son Exécutif, et si notre Association n'a pas de règlement spécifique pour de telles offenses, c'est parce que "l'engagement" pris par tous les membres lors de leur initiation a été jusqu'ici tenu à une garantie suffisante de leur loyauté et fidélité. La plainte que les assemblées sont peu intéressantes vient de mauvaise grâce de la part du membre qui n'assiste jamais à aucune assemblée, et qui fréquemment empêche les mem-

bres qui étaient bien disposés de s'y rendre. On peut en dire autant des plaintes sur la manière dont les affaires se font et au progrès de laquelle le membre plaçant va contribuer jamais. Mais, pires entre toutes, sont les denonciations babillardées et inconsidérées du membre qui, pendant qu'il est content d'avoir son nom sur le rôle des membres, semble prendre plaisir à toujours trouver à redire sur tout ce qui concerne l'Association, oubliant l'engagement qu'il a pris. Que chaque frère se demande à lui-même s'il a été loyal à son engagement, s'il a, par tous les moyens légitimes en son pouvoir, travaillé à promouvoir le bien-être de l'Association, et quand tous les membres pourront répondre dans l'affirmative, le nuisible membre qui trouve à redire aura disparu.

#### I. EPARGNE CO-OPÉRATIVE.

La plupart des philosophes se sont évertués à trouver une définition concise, établissant, en peu de mots, la supériorité ou tout au moins la dissimilitude caractéristique de l'homme au milieu de tous les animaux.

Aucune de ces définitions, en dehors de celle donnée par la religion, n'est absolument complète, et presque toutes sont faussement dictées par le matérialiste qui, n'envisageant l'homme que par son côté physique et tangible, ne le voit et ne le dépeint que d'une manière incomplète et même souvent grotesque.

L'homme, s'écrie l'un, est un animal à deux pieds sans pinnes.

Le seul signe distinctif de la supériorité de l'homme sur la brute, prétend un autre, c'est qu'il sait allumer du feu.

C'est qu'il boit sans soif...

C'est que son affection et sa sollicitude pour ses enfants se prolonge au-delà du berceau.

C'est que seul il sait prévoir, économiser et préparer le nécessaire pour les jours de maladie et de vieillesse, etc., etc.

Toutes ces définitions sont ou grotesques ou incomplètes parce qu'aucune ne prend l'homme à son vrai point de départ, et que la religion seule sait nous le montrer sortant des mains de Dieu et traversant la vie guidé par l'étoile d'intelligence émanant du divin Crâtreur.

Retenons cependant les deux dernières comme se rapprochant le plus de la vraie doctrine. Oui, l'homme, au contraire de la brute, aime ses enfants et veille sur eux au-delà du berceau. Oui, l'homme prévoit et prévoit les jours d'adversité ou d'incapacité et il sait prélever sur les moissons prospères de quoi subvenir dans les années de famine.

Dans sa si remarquable encyclique, L'Acte XIII, il a été dit que l'idée d'économie et de prévoyance est une des notions les plus distinctives de l'homme intelligent et que cette notion est en raison

directe du degré d'instruction et de civilisation des peuples.

Cela se comprend facilement, car l'instruction et la civilisation amènent la franchise des sentiments et la sensibilité du cœur, par suite développent l'amour paternel et le désir de prémunir ses enfants contre les difficultés sociales, en leur assurant le bien-être.

L'économie, la prévoyance pour soi

et pour les siens, voilà la solution du probème social dans l'ordre matériel.

Les anarchistes, nihilistes, socialistes

la demandent en vain, à l'explosion de

la dynamite; ce n'est pas dans les pr

cédés violents, dans le bouleversement

total d'une société, mal constituée il

est vrai, mais sujette à des réformes

sages et progressives, qu'il faut aller

chercher l'extinction du paupérisme,

c'est au contraire dans la paix, dans

l'apaisement des passions; milieux

très favorables à l'élosion des idées

saives de travail, d'amour de la fam

ille et par suite d'économie.

Quels sont les moyens les plus pro

pres à développer les sentiments d'am

our de la famille et d'économie et à ren

dre ce désir d'économie également pro

fitable et utile à la fois aux parents,

aux enfants et à la société?

Pour répondre à cette question nous n'avons encore qu'à consulter l'inépuis

able Encyclique et nous y voyons l'un

des principaux remèdes conseillé dans

la crise sociale qui nous menace,

c'est l'association, c'est la société de

secours mutuels, c'est la réunion des

centaines de la petite épargne pour

former un capital, capable de fructi

fier, de lutter, de prévoir et d'assurer.

Et où chercher une association en

trant mieux dans les vues du Souverain

Pontife que la C. M. B. A.? Nulle

part, évidemment, car elle aurait dû

être créée, telle qu'elle existe, dès le

lendemain de la publication de l'Ency

clique et conformément à ses instruc

tions si déjà depuis 23 ans elle n'avait

fonctionné en pleine concordance avec

les futures idées pontificales.

Les avantages qui résultent pour les

membres de la C. M. B. A. sont telle

ment considérables qu'elle a va, en

peu d'années, ses opérations s'accroître

dans une proportion stupéfiante.

Les quelques membres fondateurs

sont aujourd'hui noyés dans une masse

de plus de 13,000 membres répartis

dans 23 succursales, et chaque jour le

flot monte.

Cet accroissement prodigieux est dû

à l'organisation vraiment modèle de la

C. M. B. A. qui s'occupe du bien-être

de ses membres tant au point de vue

moral et religieux, qu'au point de vue

matériel et humanitaire. Nous étudier

ons ensemble les résultats obtenus

jusqu'à ce jour et en les comparant

avec ceux dont se glorifient les plus

puissantes compagnies d'assurances

mutuelles, nous pourrons établir facile

ment que même à l'unique point de

vue des intérêts matériels aucun n'a

pu obtenir de meilleurs résultats que

ceux que la C. M. B. A. peut offrir à

ses membres sous le drapeau de l'Eglise et de la charité chrétienne et sous l'égide de la bénédiction de S. S. Léon XIII.

Si la collectivité dans l'épargne a une la possibilité de faire grand, ce n'est qu'à la condition que le fonctionnement de l'association soit fait simplement et surtout économiquement.

Dans les grandes compagnies d'assurances sur la vie, qu'elles soient anonymes, par actions ou en mutualité, la majeure partie des primes versées par les assurés est absorbée par les frais d'administration et surtout par les

courtages réservés aux agents chargés

de solliciter la clientèle.

Par suite, la part des versements entrant réelle-

ment en opérations se trouve considérablement réduite et diminue d'autant

les avantages des assurés.

Il est évi-

dent que si sur \$1,000 de cotisation de

de première année, il faut donner 50

pour cent de courtage et prélever 20

pour cent pour les frais généraux, le

capital effectif se trouve réduit à 300

et ne peut donner que des résultats

plus que médiocres.

Cependant, ces

compagnies sont prospères et remplis-

sent assez leurs engagements, mais

comme elles ne peuvent donner plus

qu'elles n'ont il s'ensuit que ce n'est

qu'en prélevant des primes beaucoup

trop élevées, pour le risque garanti,

qu'elles peuvent arriver à satisfaire à

leurs engagements et à constituer un

fonds de réserve.

Sans doute, le luxe déployé dans les bureaux des dites

grandes compagnies est très flatteur à

l'œil et bien des personnes se laissent

charmer par ces apparences séduisan-

tes, au point de trouver, dans ce luxe,

une preuve de la solidité de l'établis-

sement et une garantie pour leur con-

tract.

Si cependant ces personnes ne

donnaient la peine de réfléchir, elles

se rendraient vite compte qu'tout cet

éitalage est payé à même les versements

des assurés et que chaque plaque de

marbre a été acheté en diminution,

sinon des avantages offerts, du moins

de ceux qu'on pouvait offrir avec la

même prime.

Le but que se propose le père de famille, en s'assurant sur la vie, n'est pas de signer un contrat calligraphié sur du papier extraordinaire, de sas- soir un instant devant une table en acajou massif et de payer ses primes à un guichet artistique. Son but est d'obtenir les meilleures conditions et d'assurer à ses enfants le plus possible; il doit donc chercher, avant tout, l'assureur grisé des moindres charges et susceptible, par suite, de lui garantir tout ce que ses primes annuelles peuvent produire.

Dans ces conditions, il ne peut mieux faire que s'adresser à la C. M. B. A., car là il trouvera le système de fonctionnement le plus simple et le plus économique qu'il puisse rêver. Dans la C. M. B. A. il ne sera pas reçu dans des bureaux somptueux et il ne sera pas sollicité par une nuée de courtiers et d'inspecteurs onéreux, mais on lui

donnera un bon contrat, sur papier fort simple, lui garantissant un capital énorme par rapport à ce qu'il aura trouvé ailleurs; il deviendra en outre membre d'une grande association regardant tous ses membres non pas comme des clients, mais comme des frères que sa sollicitude ne doit jamais abandonner, et, dans cette grande famille, il trouvera, en plus des garanties matérielles nécessaires à la sécurité de son contrat, une garantie morale de premier ordre, case de la charité et de la vraie fraternité; cette garantie c'est la religion.

Si les résultats obtenus en 23 ans par la C. M. B. A. semblent, à première vue, incroyables, ils deviennent compréhensibles lorsque, lisant ses statuts, on s'aperçoit que cette association s'occupe de ses membres autant au point de vue de leurs intérêts spirituels que de leurs intérêts matériels et qu'elle a pour point d'appui la religion de celui qui a résumé les obligations sociales dans ces simples paroles: "Aimez-vous les uns les autres." C'est cette phrase qui est la devise et le mot de ralliement des membres de la C. M. B. A., c'est par elle que le nombre des adhérents augmente de jour en jour et, grâce à elle, on peut espérer que tous les vrais Catholiques arriveront, peu à peu, à être tous rassemblés dans cette vaste association de secours mutuels, résolvant par leur union la grande question de l'extinction du paupérisme et amenant paisiblement la solution de ces irritantes questions sociales qui agitent si fort les esprits.

Si la comparaison entre la C. M. B. A. et les grandes compagnies d'assurance est toute en sa faveur, et ne peut permettre à l'assuré d'hésiter un seul instant, on est obligé de s'incliner encore devant sa supériorité si on étudie les résultats qu'elle a obtenus jusqu'à ce jour avec ceux accusés par les sociétés mutuelles similaires: au point de vue de la modicité des frais d'administration surtout, elle tient le premier rang et de beaucoup, en effet ses frais annuels ne s'élèvent pas à plus de 10% pour cent des recettes totales. De plus, elle a constitué un fonds de réserve, lequel s'élève aujourd'hui à \$100,000.

En résumé à quelque point de vue qu'on se place on est obligé de reconnaître que la C. M. B. A. offre à l'assuré des garanties de toutes espèces, et que les avantages qu'elle donne sont le maximum de ce qui peut être obtenu et désiré.

Après avoir examiné, la question d'assurance sur la vie, au point de vue de sa moralité sociale et religieuse et des garanties offertes par les diverses compagnies, il ne nous reste plus à étudier l'assurance qu'au point de vue de son utilité ou mieux de sa nécessité dans la famille. Ici, l'argumentation est facile, car personne ne peut contester les services rendus par les sociétés d'accumulation de la petite épargne, mais malheureusement, nombre de gens, bien que convaincus de la nécessi-

sité de s'assurer, négligent de le faire par apathie, ou remettent à plus tard la signature de leur contrat. C'est à ces indolents que nous nous adressons pour leur répéter le vieux proverbe si vrai surtout en assurance : " Ne remets jamais au lendemain ce que tu peux faire le jour même."

Dès qu'il a atteint l'âge de raison, l'homme devient responsable, il a la charge de lui-même et il doit faire de toutes ses actions à son Créateur et à la société. Si il reste célibataire, il n'assume que la charge de pourvoir à son existence matérielle et au salut de son âme, mais, du jour où il se marie et où il devient chef de famille, il doit satisfaire à toutes les nécessités des siens, il a la responsabilité de leur vie, il doit leur fournir la subsistance de chaque jour et même la leur assurer pour l'avenir autant qu'il est en son pouvoir. Et cette responsabilité ne s'arrête pas aux nécessités matérielles, mais s'étend jusqu'à la nourriture intellectuelle : toute négligence dans l'instruction des enfants, dans leur éducation civile ou religieuse constitue, pour le père de famille, une faute grave à l'égard de Dieu et de la société.

Souvent un jeune homme est condamné par les tribunaux à de longues années de détention pour avoir commis un crime dont l'auteur premier est son père qui a négligé de lui inculquer l'amour et la pratique du bien, et si la justice des hommes est impitoyable à rechercher cette responsabilité et à la punir, il est, en tout cas, un tribunal supérieur qui saura l'établir et la faire expier.

La charge imposée au père de famille est donc énorme, d'autant plus qu'elle est absolue et continue, c'est-à-dire qu'elle n'est ni détruite, ni affaiblie par une somme quelconque de sacrifices, elle reste entière tant que quelque chose reste à faire et n'est pas impossible à accomplir. Expliquons-nous : La responsabilité du père de famille n'est ni effacée, ni même atténue, si son fils devient criminel, par le fait qu'il aura élevé ce fils soigneusement, qu'il lui aura fait suivre un cours onéreux, qu'il aura dépensé pour son instruction des sommes plus considérables qu'aucun autre père de famille. La responsabilité du père reste entière si, connaissant les mauvais instincts de son fils et les voyant se développer, il n'a pas pris toutes les mesures en son pouvoir pour arriver à les dominer, et si par une lutte continuée, il eût été possible de détourner cet enfant de la mauvaise voie, le père en n'employant que les moyens ordinaires d'éducation a commis une faute grave et le crime commis par son fils resteront jusqu'à lui.

Quel rapport, allez-vous demander, cela peut-il avoir avec l'assurance sur la vie ? Je reconnaît, direz-vous, avoir la charge et la responsabilité de ma famille pendant ma vie et je fais l'impos-

sible pour bien élever mes enfants, mais cette charge cessera à ma mort. Pardon, arrêtez ici, cette charge cesse, en effet, avec la vie, avant que l'assurance ne fut connue et appliquée, mais, par le seul fait que vous pouviez assurer à vos enfants, après votre mort, une somme suffisante pour les mettre à l'abri du besoin et permettre de suppléer à vos efforts et à vos soins attentifs pour faire d'eux des hommes droits et honnêtes, vous resterez, dans votre tombe, responsable du crime que votre insouciance et votre imprévoyance ont aidé à commettre. Mais encore, direz-vous, les dépenses journalières de ma famille, absorbent presque tous mes gains et je ne puis sacrifier mes insignifiantes économies au plaisir de prières. C'est justement parce que vous ne pouvez économiser de telles sommes, qu'il est indispensable de vous assurer au plus vite et de prévenir votre malheur, contre le dénouement dans lequel la plongerait votre deces prématuré. Laшинor est : l'évitant, la plus redoutable à envisager pour un père de famille dont les ressources sont bornées. C'est le capital qui sombre entraînant avec lui le bonheur de la maison et laissant la pauvre veuve sans autre réponse que ses larmes et sa douleur à faire aux petits orphelins qui demandent du pain.

Pères de famille hésitants, songez à l'avenir de ce petit monde dont vous avez la charge, songez à la rapidité avec laquelle la mort fait des ravages journalièrement, autour de vous. Assurez-vous, c'est plus que de la prévoyance, c'est votre devoir. Notre siècle est certes celui qui a vu apparaître et se développer les plus grandes inventions et les plus grands perfectionnements. Presques toutes les applications de ces inventions et perfectionnements ont tendu à donner à l'homme plus de facilité dans l'accomplissement de ses travaux et plus d'armes pour la lutte de la vie. En est-il résulté plus de bonheur ? E : les générations actuelles auront elles arrosé de moins de larmes cette terre d'exil et de tristesse ? Nous ne le croyons pas, et il semble, au contraire, que tout ce qui tendait à diminuer la misère humaine n'est arrivé qu'à augmenter nos besoins et nos désirs et, par suite, à nous créer de nouveaux sujets de tristesse et de combats. Le bonheur a-t-on dit, est relatif. Il est évident que nulle part, sur cette terre, il n'est absolu. Notre état naturel semble être la douleur : de tous côtés elle nous assiège :

" Le riche en son palais,  
Le pauvre en sa cabane que le chameau rebouche.  
Sont soumis à ses lois.  
Et le garde qui veille aux Harris des îles  
N'en a-t-il pas pour trois ? "

Puis notre civilisation s'approche de la perfection, plus nous sentons que le bonheur devrait exister plus dans les temps primitifs, alors que l'homme vivait simplement et librement sous

sait par sa seule industrie, à ses besoins et ceux de sa famille.

Aujourd'hui, quel est le père de famille qui peut, sans terreur, envisager l'avenir et croire que jamais lui et les siens ne manqueront pas du nécessaire. Chaque jour de nombreux exemples viennent nous prouver comment sont fragiles les fortunes semblant le plus solidement assises, que de ruines, que d'éroulements, que de dé solations de toutes sortes. Et plus la situation des victimes de l'adversité était grande et semblait sûre, plus la chute est terrible et irreparable.

Il est évident que la situation modeste est moins exposée au tout au moins peut plus facilement se prévenir contre l'adversité. Il y a moins de différence entre peu et rien qu'entre beaucoup et rien. Le père de famille de condition modeste, a ses enfants dans des habitudes de simplicité et de travail qui les mettent promptement en mesure de se suffire à eux-mêmes, mais encore faut-il que ce père puisse arriver sans困难 à cet age où il pourra gagner sa vie et il est nécessaire qu'il y arrive suffisamment armé pour la lutte. Il lui faut une solide instruction primaire et quelques années d'apprentissage pour devenir un bon ouvrier, car, dans la société moderne, le rôle de l'homme machine devient chaque jour plus petit. L'outil mécanique le supprime peu à peu et il ne reste place que pour l'ouvrier intelligent, à l'initiative duquel aucune combinaison d'engrenages ne peut faire concurrence.

Le seul souci du père de famille doit donc être de pouvoir arriver à élever ses fils dans des conditions telles qu'ils soient à même de gagner largement leur vie au moyen d'un bon métier et de lutter avantageusement dans la lutte que la mécanique fait à la main d'œuvre.

Tant que le père de famille travaille, il est à peu près certain d'atteindre ce but, mais viennent la maladie, la mort, et voilà tous ses projets, tous ses désirs au ventre : la mort remplace l'assurance au foyer et la nécessité de gagner au plus tôt le pain quotidien entraîne les enfants dans les travaux ou l'intelligence, l'instruction et la pratique que n'ont que faire. Ils deviennent simples manœuvres et se trouvent, par suite, dans des conditions d'infériorité, qu'une situation moins précaire leur aurait évitée.

C'est contre cette éventualité si redoutable que doit se prévenir le bon père de famille. Il doit comprendre que seul aujourd'hui le travail intelligent, un capital productif et l'outil faut faire tous ses efforts pour rendre ses enfants aptes à soutenir la lutte.

L'assurance sur la vie est la seule combinaison qui puise d'une façon absolue, lui garantir la réalisation de ses si légitiimes aspirations. Par elle, il est certain que ses enfants pourront poursuivre, utilement, la cours de leurs études tant primaires que professio-

nnelles et soutenir, dans de bonnes conditions, le combat acharné pour la vie que la civilisation moderne et les perfectionnements rationnels imposent au jourd'hui à tous les hommes.

Un sacrifice journalier de quelques centimes ne diminue, en rien, les facilités d'existence et assure l'avenir de la famille. Elle la prévient contre cette si terrible éventualité de la perte de son chef et son soutien. Comme cette belle combinaison de l'assurance sur la vie prouve bien que la Providence ne nous abandonne jamais et qu'elle sait toujours placer le remède à côté du mal. Au milieu de toutes ces inventions qui ont amélioré les conditions sociales de l'existence au point de les rendre si pleines de dangers et d'incertitudes que a fait encore dans le cœur d'un homme une conception qui tablit également et rend au père de famille la possibilité de prévenir les siens contre les hasards de l'avenir.

Ainsi que nous l'avons déjà dit, il prouve l'assurance sur la vie fait désormais partie des devoirs du rôle de père de famille. Celle n'était hier qu'une intelligence précaution, celle est aujourd'hui une nécessité pour tout homme qui aime sa famille et celle sera, sans doute, demain une obligation sociale imposée par la loi à tout mari et à tout père.

#### LA SUCCURSALE NO 324 PRÉSENTE SES HOMMAGES À MGR. BARRY.

Profitant de l'occasion de la présence de Sa Grandeur Mgr Barry, à St. Basile, en Février dernier, le Rev'd Mr. Dagat, curé de cette paroisse et président de la Succursale No 324, proposa d'ajourner la séance et d'aller en corps au salon du presbytère. Cette proposition fut acceptée à l'unanimité et avec plaisir, et tous les membres présents s'y rendirent présent à Sa Grandeur leurs hommages et leurs félicitations de l'honneur qui lui était dévolu d'avoir été élevé au siège épiscopal comme coadjuteur de Mgr. l'évêque du diocèse de Chatham.

La succursale de St. Basile, en allant officiellement saluer Sa Grandeur Mgr Barry, avait non seulement en vue de rendre hommage à un haut dignitaire de l'Eglise, mais aussi de saluer dans la personne de Sa Grandeur un ancien et dévoué pasteur de la paroisse St. Basile. Une autre raison, non moins importante, qui pouvait servir à inspirer cette cérémonie de la succursale, c'est que Mgr Barry pourra être consacré, et avec raison aussi, comme le P. rev. le vrai fondateur de la C. M. B. A dans l'ouverture du Nouveau Brunswick, car c'est à son zèle, à son dévouement et surtout à son encouragement qu'est de l'organisation des premières succursales de l'Association dans cette province.

Après quelques moments de conversation amicale avec Sa Grandeur, le Rev'd Mr. Dagat lui demanda si bien vouloit écouter la succursale. Mgr Barry répondit : « Oui, ses meilleurs souhaits. »

#### SEANCE EXTRAORDINAIRE DE LA SUCCURSALE NO 57.

Mardi 1er Mai 1907, à 7 h 30 a.m. D'après une des résolutions de la succursale No 57, celle magnifique pavillonna de petits drapés à l'occasion

de l'inauguration du nouveau mode de recrutement des membres, adopté à la dernière réunion du Bureau des Grands Syndics qui eut lieu à Montréal le 1<sup>er</sup> juillet du mois de Juillet.

L'ouverture de la séance fut avec les formaliés et de rigueur sous la présidence du Vice-président Joseph Belland, ayant à sa droite R. M. Roux, aviseur spirituel de la succursale ainsi que les Grands Députés A. H. Spedding, A. B. Pichotin, J. L. Morgan C. Fortier, J. L. Léveillé, J. G. C. Dufeuille et le président Farley, de la Succursale.

Ensuite fut prononcée aussi présente les frères Martel.

J. A. Léveillé, vice-président, Succursale No. 12, au secrétaire archiviste, le 1<sup>er</sup> juillet, R. B. Belland, déclara que M. G. O. Martineau, futur archiviste, Succursale No. 12, A. Hubert, secrétaire au bureau, Succursale No. 12, F. Turgeon, trésorier, Succursale No. 12, Ernest Turgeon, Succursale No. 12, un grand nombre d'autres membres des succursales du district de Montréal.

Le secrétaire archiviste fit lecture des programmes du Grand Président, Hon. M. F. Hackett, du Grand Secrétaire, R. Brown, du Grand Syndic J. L. Behan, du Maître en chef E. R. Kelly, regrettant de ne pouvoir accepter l'invitation d'assister à l'assemblée et exprimant leurs plus sincères félicitations et bons souhaits pour le succès de la succursale.

Les Messieurs suivants furent intitulés nouveaux membres:

Monsieur D'Orsi, Emile Martineau, P. L. prétre, Emile Desy, Archidiacre, Georges Noppe, de Berthiaume, Alex Legault, Hippolyte Bourassa, André Légaré, Louis A. D. Blais, Henri Martineau, Jean-René Braud, Louis G. Gauthier, Paul Hennedy, A. S. Lavallée.

Après quoi ensuît la parole à cette brillante réunion:

M. Léveillé, Roux, qui au cours de ces dernières années a fait une association essentiellement Catholique et apprécie énormément un grand et dans la vie.

Il fut alors décidé par Spedding lui-même de faire tout ce qu'il pouvait pour démontrer aux nouveaux membres leurs devoirs envers l'Association.

Il fut suivi par le frère Léveillé. C'est alors qu'il fut fait remarquer que l'Association était en anglais, car il a été dit que parmi les nouveaux membres il n'y avait pas un seul membre qui pût parler l'anglais. Il fut alors décidé de faire tout ce qu'il pouvait pour démontrer aux nouveaux membres que l'Association était en français.

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Il fut proposé par les frères A. Martel et S. Picard et résolu à l'unanimité.

Que des remerciements soient offerts à M. l'abbé Roux, chanoine, ainsi qu'aux Grands Députés et aux succursales soeurs pour avoir répondu généralement à l'appel de la succursale en assistant en aussi grand nombre à sa présente réunion.

Les résolutions de condoléances suivantes furent aussi adoptées à la même réunion.

Proposé par les frères A. Martel et A. Bourdon et résolu:

Que les membres de la succursale No. 12 ont appris avec regret la mort de M. J. Drolet, fils de M. E. Drolet, un des membres devenus de cette succursale.

Proposé par les frères S. Picard et F. Martineau et résolu:

Que la famille du frère Drolet, en ce jour d'appréhension, veuille accepter les condoléances et les sympathies des membres de cette succursale et que copie des présentes résolutions soit transmise à l'organisme officiel de l'Association, LE CANADIEN pour publication.

Après quelques autres affaires de routine la séance fut ensuite levée.

#### CE QUE DIT "L'IMPARTIAL" DE TIGNISH, I. DU P. .

Nous venons de recevoir le compte rendu de l'état financier de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada. Nous regrettons de n'avoir pu à notre disposition le temps nécessaire pour élaborer un tableau tel que toutes les œuvres sous les yeux. Ainsi que nous disions peu depuis l'anniversaire de l'Association a augmenté sensiblement le nombre de sociétaires. Ces dernières sont en effet en la majorité que les succursales le déterminent par leurs statuts ou régulations, mais il ne peut se faire dans les dites assemblées que ce qui a été clairement donné à l'avis de convocation.

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L'assistance à toutes les réunions n'est pas rigoureusement requise par la constitution qui se contente seulement de rendre possible la constitution de ce qui est un assemblée qui n'a pas de régularité régulière et qui a été déclarée par la maladie ou quelque autre cause inévitable.

Le nombre requis pour constituer le quorum pour la transaction des affaires est de sept membres en règle, y compris un élécteur ayant qualité pour présider, excepté dans les succursales ne comptant pas plus de vingt cinq membres, lesquelles peuvent transiger les affaires avec un quorum de cinq membres.

La C. M. B. A. est encouragée par l'abbé et ses pairs. Mgr. Melville a été élu député, dans une circonscription à l'élection du clergé du diocèse, à recommander cette œuvre et à exprimer son vote pour tous les participants à l'élection. Dans la C. M. B. A., demandant en un temps à quelqu'un que ce soit qu'il se présente comme député au bureau auquel il a été nommé et qui n'est pas approuvé par l'abbé, l'abbé et des Frères des Petits Frères, par exemple, n'est pas approuvé par l'abbé; par conséquent, aucun membre de l'abbé catholique qui a été approuvé à la fois par les Frères des Petits Frères.

D'après les chiffres ci-dessous, on comprend que la C. M. B. A. est une des meilleures et la plus forte, la plus riche, et la mieux dirigée au Canada. C'est la Société des Catholiques par excellence, c'est la gardienne fidèle et l'appui formé des veuves et des orphelins.

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#### ORDRE DU JOUR

DE LA C. M. B. A.

Le sujet qui suit comprend autant de chapitres que l'ordre du jour de nos succursales offre de sujets à notre attention et à nos discussions. Elle fournit l'occasion de commenter les divers items de notre Ordre du jour, et de traiter les questions qui intéressent l'Association en général, et chacune des succursales en particulier.

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Le premier item prie le Commissaire Général de s'assurer si toutes les personnes présentes sont membres de l'Association. Il n'exige pas davantage de commentaires.

#### OUVERTURE DE LA SÉANCE AVEC LES FORMALITÉS DE RIGUEUR

Toute succursale est tenue d'avoir au moins deux assemblées régulières par mois, au temps et dans l'emplacement prescrits par ses statuts ou une régulation. Claude L. J. Grand Président p. un certainement pour des cas exceptionnels permettre à une succursale de ne tenir qu'une seule assemblée par mois.

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Dans celle aussi du Chancelier:

"Nous devons recevoir avec respect les ordonnances et tous les décrets de notre Grand Conseil ou de son président, et les ordres de nos supérieurs; observer exactement les lois de notre Association, ne pas soulever de débats inutiles, garder le débat et procéder aux affaires avec promptitude."

A continuer.

#### ACCUSE DE RECEPTION.

Simmerville, I. du P. E. S. Mars, 1901, S. R. Brown, Secrétaire G. M. B. A. du Canada, London, Ont.

Cher Monsieur - Permettez moi de vous remercier ainsi que les autres Grands Officiers de la C. M. B. A. pour la présentation de 5000 dollars, montant du certificat donné par mon défunt mari dans l'Association.

J'espere que le caractère de bienfaisance de l'association, sans parler des avantages sociaux et fraternelles, se recommandera de plus en plus aux Catholiques qui discernent et aux pères de famille.

Votre recommandante,

DAMIEN JOHN KELLY.

#### NOUVELLES SUCCURSALES.

La Succursale No. 12 a été instituée le 25 Février par la Réserve Minéale N. E., par l'agent provincial A. L. Mc Donald.

La Succursale No. 13 a été instituée le 25 Mars, 1901, à Vérona River, I. du P. E., par le Grand Député James McLean.

La Succursale No. 14 a été instituée le 31 Mars, 1901, à St. John's B. par le Grand Député P. J. O'Reilly.

Voir la partie Anglaise pour la liste des succursales.

#### RESOLUTIONS DE CONDOLEANCES

À la séance du 25 Mars, 1901 de la succursale No. 12, il a été proposé par le Secrétaire Général, de voter par le frère Chancelier, qu'un message soit envoyé à l'abbé au sujet de l'abbé James L. Grand Président pour l'occurrence de la mort de son jeune enfant et qu'une copie de cette résolution soit envoyée au journal LE CANADIEN, pour publication.

A une réunion de la succursale No. 12 tenue le 28 Février dernier les résolutions de condoléances suivantes ont été adoptées:

Sur proposition des frères A. B. Pichotin, Joseph Turgeon, l'abbé Léveillé, et J. A. Leguerrier, il est unanimement résolu:

Que c'est avec un vif regret que les membres de notre succursale ont appris la mort inattendue de notre frère le chevalier Lucien Forget;

Que cette disparition cause un vide profond dans nos rangs, en que le regret démontre tout des fondateurs de la succursale et un ilôt de sociabilité.

Qu'en position sociale faisait l'orgueil de l'association ses vertus écrivent le bonheur des siens et la joie de ses nombreux amis;

Que la succursale présente ses sincères condolances à sa famille si cruellement éprouvée et qu'elle fasse chanter une grande messe pour le repos de son âme.

À la dernière assemblée de la succursale No. 27 C. M. B. A. de Beaufort, N. B., le résultat suivant fut pris à voix haute par le frère Félix Michaud, voté, et par frère Dennis Ryan et adopté à l'unanimité:

Que les membres de cette succursale ont appris avec regret la mort de l'un des enfants chérubins de l'abbé Joseph Maillet.

Que la famille rompt en ce jour d'heureuse accorderie les cordialités et les sympathies des membres de cette succursale.

On a reçu des personnes relations venir transmettre à la famille ainsi qu'en publicé dans l'avis précédent.

À l'assemblée suivante de la succursale No. 27 C. M. B. A. le 25 Mars dernier les résolutions suivantes furent proposées par les frères Daniel Dandelin et le frère Joseph.

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