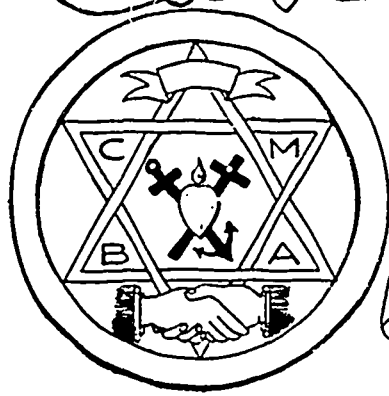


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A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The near approach of the greatest and the grandest of all the Christian festivals, with its divine message of peace to men of good will, and its sacred associations of earthly ties and heavenly love, naturally suggests the joyous and familiar greetings which flow spontaneously to all lips during the holiday season. It would therefore ill become me if I did not gladly seize this most suitable of all occasions and this best of all channels to conform to a time-honored custom, and, while reiterating my thanks for the honor done me by my brethren of the C. M. B. A. in electing me their Grand President, to heartily wish them, far and wide throughout the Dominion, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." The coming anniversary of the Nativity is the first upon which it has been given to me to preside over the destinies of our great Association, and the thoughts which crowd my mind at such a time, naturally come so thick and fast that I find it difficult to express them all, even if I had the audacity to so far trespass on your valuable time. However, let me briefly say that the familiar Christmas greeting, which in too many cases sounds so hollow and conventional, conveys a deeper and holier meaning when exchanged between the members of the brotherhood of the C. M. B. A. We should and can never forget that "the good tidings of great joy," which were flashed from heaven over the bleak hills of Judea nearly nineteen hundred years ago, and which heralded the coming of the Christ Child and His wondrous mission of human redemption, with its glorious message of "peace on earth, good will to men," were the precursors of that spirit of brotherly and neighborly love, of God-like charity, which have revolutionized this world of ours and which it is the great object of our Order, after the example of its Divine Model, to inculcate and extend. We may, perhaps, in our day never hope

to witness the universal brotherhood of man, but we can at least do our feeble mortal share by our example and teachings, by the cultivation of fraternity and, above all, by the exercise of love and charity towards our neighbors as towards ourselves, to help on the great doctrine of moral and material regeneration involved in the mystery of the Incarnation. And with the blessing of God and of His Holy Church, which He came on earth as a feeble and lowly Infant to found, we shall continue to do this, confident in the success of our heavenly mission and seeking by all the means in our power to extend to our fellow-Catholics the benefits of our organization. Unlike the Messiah, we may not be able to altogether heal the broken-hearted or to comfort the mourning widow, as He comforted the Widow of Nain, but we can at least help to pour balm upon their sorrow, to bring glad tidings of great joy to their bruised and bleeding spirits, and to rejoice the hearts of the fatherless and helpless. And, above all, let us try to remember that the golden feast of Christmas is the little children's festival *par excellence*—that the great Master of all good came upon this sorrowful and sin-laden earth in the form of a poor little humble Child to manifest His divine love for the little ones and that it is our duty, therefore, at such seasons, to set to our own youthful offspring the example of that thoughtful affection, that brotherly love and that charity towards our neighbors which will inspire them to take up and continue the good work of the C. M. B. A. when we are gone. As such a happy, joyous time as the Christmas season, with all its loving and pleasant memories, with all its traditions of good cheer and hospitality, no brother, of the C. M. B. A. especially, should be suffered to want, nor his little ones to imagine that the dark cloud, which lowers over their homes, possesses no silver lining for them. Let the gladness which irradiated, and still irradiates the whole world at the coming of the Saviour, find them out also, and brighten their cheerless existence.

Let them have a recollection of their childhood's days. Happy children make virtuous, devoted, parent-loving youths, and good members of our Order in the future. So do not forget that the coming Christmas must be a merry one for the children. But still of greater importance even than they are the poor—God's poor—whether they belong to the brotherhood of the C. M. B. A. or the greater brotherhood of mankind in general. We have these over with us, and there is always scope, especially at this blessed season, for that God-like virtue which, we are told, covereth a multitude of sins. While the rich and comfortable are feasting, the poor should not be forgotten. Moreover, charity knows neither creed nor clime. Its snowy wings are spread over all in need and all are welcome to their shelter. Thus God's work is done and the bruised heart is comforted. And most certainly the sweet recompense of doing good to others exceeds all the pleasure that can be derived from selfish enjoyment. Let each member of the C. M. B. A. resolve, therefore, that this will really be a glad Christmas for all—the young and old—the rich and poor. Let the Christmas greeting be not a mere expression from the lips. Let it be accompanied by some tangible evidence that it has a real and a holy meaning, in keeping with the principles of our great Order. And let us pray that when another Christmas comes it will find our Order even still happier, stronger and more numerous and prosperous than we are this year, with the blessing of the Divine Child, the anniversary of whose lowly but glorious birth we shall celebrate on the 25th of December. At least such is the sincere wish, the hope, and prayer, with Christmas greetings of

Yours fraternally,

M. F. HACKETT,

Grand President.

BONDS OF OFFICERS.

The committee appointed by the Grand President and Board of Trustees to select a company for the furnishing

of bonds for C. M. B. A. officers required to give such, has decided to accept the tender of The Employers' Liability Association Corporation, Limited.

Messrs Schmidt and McKim, General Agents, Montreal, Que., are the persons with whom our Branch officers will kindly communicate regarding this matter.

The officers of branches required by our constitution to give bonds are Financial Secretaries and Treasurers. The officers of the Grand Council are the Grand President, Grand Trustees, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

NOTES.

On the 17th November, Branch 71, Toronto, Ont., afforded a Refreshment Mass for the repose of the souls of departed brothers.

Recording Secretaries are requested to forward their Annual Reports for the year 1896 as early as possible. See Sections 171 and 171 of Constitution.

The Financial Statements of Branches must be forwarded to the Chairman of the Grand Council Finance Committee not later than the 17th January, 1897. Financial Secretaries will please read Section 171 and 171 of Constitution.

Bank Forms for the Annual Reports and the Financial Statements will be sent by the Grand Council to the Recording Secretaries of Branches, on or about the 1st of December.

Recording Secretaries will please send us, without delay, the list of Branch officers for the ensuing term, in order that we be enabled to publish in our January issue the directory in full. Do not neglect this.

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LONDON, DECEMBER, 1896.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year to all our C. M. B. A. broth-
ers.

The year 1896 will soon be gone. Although it has been a fairly prosperous one for the C. M. B. A., still our increase in membership is not so great as was expected. The membership in many of our old branches has not increased as it should, and the number of new branches organized is not large. Of course we do not believe in a mushroom growth; it would not be a benefit to the Association; and while we admit that the C. M. B. A. has a continual, substantial solid growth, yet considering its great benefits, its increase in membership is not as rapid as it should be. We hope 1897 will show that our Grand Deputies lately commissioned by our Grand President are live, up-to-date organizers. There is no good reason why we should not double our membership next year. However, we must not expect all this to be accomplished by the work of our Grand Deputies; every member in the Association should consider himself an agent for soliciting applicants for the C. M. B. A. If each one of our present members would bring in only one new member during the year, the object would be attained! Brothers, let the following be one of your New Year resolutions: "I will do all in my power, and use every legitimate means to bring in at least one new member into my C. M. B. A. Branch during 1897."

The Late Mr. P. O'Reilly.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. P. O'Reilly of Montreal, which took place on 30th Nov. Mr. O'Reilly was a strong advocate of benefit societies. He was a member of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada up to the time of its separation from United States when he remained connected with the Supreme Council. He was instrumental in organizing a Grand Council in the Province of Quebec under the jurisdiction of the C. M. B. A. of United States, and was president of said council at the time of his death. We extend to the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy in their bereavement and pray that God may console them in their sad affliction. The Montreal Gazette refers to him as follows:

There will be a feeling of general regret this morning in C. M. B. A. circles the death of Mr. Peter O'Reilly, Secretary of the R. of D. of the C. M. B. A. of Canada. Mr. O'Reilly, a prominent lawyer, was in the city on a visit to his family in the week-end. He was struck by a car on Monday night at his residence on Murray street. In addition to holding the important office of Secretary of the R. of D. of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, he was an active member of several Irish national and

benefit societies, being Grand President of the Quebec Council of C. M. B. A. a member of the Patriotic Society, Ancient Order of United Workmen, C. B. L. and of the Order of St. John, and other similar organizations. At a special meeting of the Grand Council of C. M. B. A. of Canada, held on Mr. P. O'Reilly, presiding, and attended by a large number of officers and members, resolutions of condolence with the family of the deceased were passed. The late Mr. O'Reilly, who was about fifty years of age, leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.



HON. MICHAEL FELIX HACKETT, Q. C., M. P. P.

Grand President of the C. M. B. A.

The Hon. M. F. Hackett was born at Granby, Que., in August, 1854. He was educated at St. Hyacinthe College, commenced the study of law at Stanstead, with J. L. Terril, and afterwards studied with the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, of Montreal. He graduated at McGill University in 1875, and was valedictorian of that year. In the same year he was admitted to the Bar, and since then has practiced in Stanstead. In 1890 he was made a Q. C., and for several years has been a member of the Board of Examiners of the Provincial Bar, and Barrister of the Bar for the District of St. Francis. He served as Mayor of the town of Stanstead, and Warden of the County. In 1892 he was elected to the Provincial Legislature, and in 1895 was sworn in as President of the Council in the Hon. M. Taillon's Cabinet, and is holding the office of Provincial Secretary in the present Quebec Cabinet.

In May, 1894, Brother Hackett joined the C. M. B. A. as a charter member of Branch 166, which he was instrumental in organizing. He was elected its first President, and has been re-elected every year since. He represented the branch at the Grand Council Conventions of 1892, 1894 and 1896. From the time he joined the Association he has taken a prominent part in its affairs.

At the Convention of the C. M. B. A. held in Hamilton, he was chosen a mem-

ber of the Special Committee to consider and report on the effect of the Ontario Insurance Act of 1892 on the work of the C. M. B. A. The delegates to that Convention will remember the eloquent and convincing address delivered by our present Grand President in favor of separation from the United States, and of the members of the C. M. B. A. in the Province of Quebec remaining connected with the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada. During the difficulty of the settlement of "Separate Beneficiary" in the Province of Quebec, he devoted himself to the defence of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, without regard to time or expense on his part.

He was elected Second Vice-President of the Grand Council in 1892; in 1894 First Vice-President, and at our Ottawa Convention last August, he was elected by acclamation Grand President, the highest honor the Association could bestow upon him.

The Montreal Gazette, in an article headed "The Provincial Government," says:

"The group of counties which constitute the Bedford and St. Francis districts are amongst the most progressive and thriving in Canada, and they have given both to the Legislature and the Parliament of Canada, some of the ablest and most distinguished men who have occupied seats in those bodies. Mr. Hackett

is a worthy successor in a long line of eminent ministers. His experience in public affairs is large. Many years before he sought the suffrages of the electors of Stanstead, his name was in a hotly held word throughout the Eastern townships, made so by his active participation in the electoral struggle of more than a decade. His personal popularity is attested in a measure by the large majority, 500, he obtained in 1892 in this constituency. But his popularity is by no means confined to the county of Stanstead. A man in the prime of life, possessed of marked intellectual and physical vigor, of strict integrity of character, and imbued with an earnest desire to promote the prosperity of the province, we anticipate with confidence a career of distinction and honor for him in the high sphere of usefulness upon which he is about to enter. Mr. Hackett is gifted with great oratorical power, being excelled by few public men in this respect, but better far than the gifts and graces of rhetoric, he has to commend him to the respect and confidence of the public the qualities of honest purpose to serve their interests faithfully, of broad tolerance, unimpaired on many occasions, and a keen appreciation of the wholesome doctrine that public office is a public trust.

LIFE INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS.

WHAT THEY DO FOR THE MEMBERS AND
THE GOOD OF THE BUSINESS.[Taken from Charles B. Soule's Prize Essay
in the National Underwriter.]

The individual member of our organization can best promote the welfare of these organizations by remembering first and above all else that his personal attendance and interest are necessary to the success of the Association.

All success in every organization is based on the concentration of individual enthusiasm, but while the individual, merely as an individual, is an important factor, yet we must remember that his own personal ambition or whims or plans must be set aside when they confront the welfare of the association itself. This great basic principle of success in all organizations is to have individualism merged into the cause.

He must also remember that his attendance at the meetings of the association is essential to its life. The great furnaces of commerce would never roar in their intense energy, carrying life to the loom and prosperity to the community, should you fire each with but one small brand. It is the inspiration of ten thousand brands working for a common end that gives to the mill its throbbing life. So in successful organization, life, activity and success must come from the aggregation of the fire brands of ideas, and the individual member must bear in mind that he is the essential part on which the whole depends. And so long as his membership lasts, his duty is to aid and abet the purposes of the association by active attendance and participation.

Attendance fosters interest; interest begets enthusiasm; enthusiasm insures success.

He must also remember this great principle, that every duty performed elevates the man. He who is known as one who stands firm in his own conviction of duty, even in things that seem trivial, is the man who sooner or later wields an influence, and that member who will quietly and persistently fulfil every little duty set before him, will suddenly awaken to a realization of an acquired power, and will be surprised to find that from himself there emanates a new-born influence.

In the hands of such men lies the progress of all associations.

But the true value of the individual influence of the member can only be measured by his own character. Therefore, let him remember that his own action in the field of his profession must be the action of a man of honor.

First—Principle is a hair line and can not be split in two

Second—There is such a thing as Right, and it will not down.

Third—When Honor walks arm in arm with a man, it lifts him up into public view.

Remembering these things and acting upon them, his influence will become a factor for unlimited good for the association he represents.

Nothing succeeds like success. Therefore, let him bend every energy for success in the field, and his influence in his association is sure to be enhanced thereby. The man who writes a big legitimate business becomes a factor. His counsel is sought; his advice considered. He may become a target for a few shafts of jealousy, but, thanks to the broad spirit of justice that permeates our ranks, he will receive for every arrow of jealousy, a quiver full of congratulations.

There is a strong reflection from the field upon the association itself. Every member of our association has a "field record." Be it great or small, its character marks the man. It therefore behooves him to have it stand the test of legal and social scrutiny. How proud he deserves to be whose business has no ear-marks of fraud or shicanery, but bears along the royal stamp of persistent energy and honest competition.

The member should be an up to date man. He who catches the spirit of the times, scatters on every side the firebrands of progress. Therefore, the individual member should carefully read the insurance press. Posted on all live issues, he can but carry into his association ideas, and no local association will die if it has an occasional hypodermic of live issues.

At the Parting of the Ways

There must be a time when the vista of the future, with all its possibilities of glory and of shame, first opens upon the vision of youth. Then is he summoned to make his choice between truth and treachery, between honor and dishonor, between purity and profligacy, between moral life and moral death. And as he doubts and balances between the heavenward and hellward course, as he struggles to rise, or consents to fall, is there, in all the universe of God, a spectacle of higher exultation or of deeper pathos? Within him are the appetites of a brute and the attributes of an angel; and when these meet in council to make up the roll of his destiny and seal his fate, shall the beast bound out the scraps? Shall the young man, now conscious of the largeness of his sphere and of the sovereignty of his choice, wed the low ambitions of the world, and seek with their captivities to fill his immortal desires? Because he has a few animal wants that must be supplied, shall he become all animal—an epicure and an inebriate—and blasphemously make it the first doctrine of his catechism—"the chief end of man" to glorify his stomach and enjoy it.—Catholic Union and Times.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Seaforth, Ont., Nov. 7, 1896.

To the Editor of The Canadian:

Dear Sir and Bro.—As the time is fast approaching—I may say at hand—for the re-election of officers in our grand and noble organization, a word of advice, I trust, will not be considered out of order. The stability of the C. M. B. A. as a whole, depends entirely on the men chosen to fill the different offices in the Grand Council—men who, in their respective branches, filled offices from time to time, who sacrificed the pleasures and comforts of home company (if it can be termed a sacrifice), to spend one hour twice each month with their fellows, to exchange their views on different sections of the laws which govern us and to transact the legitimate business of the evening; men who, having proven themselves worthy to dictate, to govern minor matters, have been chosen to direct and govern in far greater and more important matters; for in their branches their decisions were confined almost exclusively to their branches, and only affected their respective branches but now it injures or serves every branch in the Dominion.

My opinion is that no member should be elected who does not attend the meetings in his branch, for now can he give advice on any part of the governing laws of his branch, when he never attends a meeting from January until the election of officers at the end of the year? He pays his assessments and dues, he inquires in his workshop, or wherever employed, about the proceedings of the last meeting, oftentimes in the presence of non-members and non-Catholics, and when he is told of the business transacted, if it is not in accordance with his ideas, he fumes and cracks like a frog before a rain storm; but, properly speaking, he cannot form an idea of what a meeting is, or how it should be conducted. He faults every one is wrong, and the business illegal. He says to himself, "If I were there that motion would not carry." He thinks that he should be Grand President or Grand Secretary, or on the Committee on Laws, and still he will not attend meetings. He is a whole Grand Council in his own mind. He is a croaker. Brothers, if you wish the future to be more prosperous and bright than the past—and I am fully convinced that every active member is desirous of a larger membership next year—elect only those who attend meetings regularly; then, and not till then, will you have healthy, prosperous and vigorous branches. Your officers, when asked questions by some intending applicant, can give a clear explanation of the requirements of the Constitution, the amount on each assessment he will have to pay, according to age, the amount of assessments required by the laws which govern us, and when the time comes for death to call away some member of the Grand Council, you can rest assured that the vacant seat will be well filled, for he will have received his tuition in his branch by having some office from time to time, attending meetings and taking an active part in the working of the Association, which every member knows is the cheapest, the most economical and the best managed. Yours fraternally, JAMES MUNRO.

Death of Bro. Barry, of Morrisburg.

We regret to announce the sad and unexpected death of Brother Richard H. Barry, secretary of St. James Branch, No. 33, Morrisburg, since his initiation. Deceased was the younger son of Mr. John Barry, sr., merchant and councillor of this village. He died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1896, in the thirtieth year of his age, of peritonitis, after an illness of only twenty-four hours. He was a young man of exceptional character, a popular favorite, beloved of young and old. His death was a shock to the entire community. The funeral was conducted by the local Branch of the C. M. B. A., and was one of the largest concourses of people, of every creed, ever assembled in this place to show their respect for the honored dead and

their sympathy with his respected parents and friends in their sad bereavement. There were three priests in attendance at the funeral. Father Twomey and Masters in headed the procession to the Catholic church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father M. D. O'Leary, of Keenleyside, Ont. The church was profusely draped in black and his seat in the church was draped in mourning, and a large wreath of flowers donated by his friends supplied his accustomed place. The impressive services of the Catholic Church on funeral occasions, with its solemn chants, its mourning emblems and the vacant seat all combined to enliven the sympathy of every heart. But this was more sensibly felt when Father Twomey, in his accustomed eloquence, preached a very impressive sermon, carefully reviewing the exemplary life of the young man. His great moral and social worth as a member of the Church, as a citizen of the community, as a loving child in the household and as a devout worshipper at the shrine of God's altar in the faith of his fathers. He dwelt forcibly on the Christian fortitude of the young man in his last moments, and his readiness to obey the unexpected summons to appear before his Eternal Judge, and contrasted the hope of the devout Catholic on his death bed, with those who fail to see beyond the tomb. His words were whole-souled, kind and sympathetic and caused the tears to flow from many an eye. After the service the procession returned and his remains were conveyed to their last resting place in the church yard to await the judgment day; and our only last and fervent tribute to his memory shall ever be "Requiescat in pace."

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS

TO BROTHER W. LEONE, PRESIDENT BRANCH No. 253.

At the meeting of Branch No. 253, Maniwaki, Que., held on Oct. 8, the members, according to previous arrangement, marched to the residence of their President, William Lague, Esq., who with his bride had arrived in Maniwaki, on the completion of their wedding tour, and presented him with the following engrossed address, which was read by Bro. Jas. Martin, Indian Agent:

W. Lague, Esq., President of Branch 253, C. M. B. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:—We, the members of Branch 253 desire to offer you our best and our sincerest congratulations on the occasion of your marriage.

The rate of contributions which should be paid every member of our Association is prescribed in the Constitution, and this being so, it is our duty as a brother to honor the respect of President of our branch.

Your bride, who has hitherto been a stranger to us, we welcome heartily to Maniwaki. We are glad to be able to do so, for the formation of the marriage has been a very happy one, and we are glad to have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

With the benediction of Holy Church, and the good wishes of hosts of friends, you may commence your journey through life as auspiciously as the most sanguine could desire.

We heartily wish you and Mrs. Lague prosperity, contentment, long life and a full blessing that God bestows on His most favored children; and that peace and joy unbroken will be ever yours, in the firm hope and belief of the members of Branch 253.

Signed on behalf of the branch:—F. Lacourcie, 1st Vice-President; R. J. Flynn, 2nd Vice-President; Ed. Joannis, Rec. Sec.; James Martin, Fin. Sec.

Brother Lague made a suitable reply, and after spending a pleasant hour the members returned to their hall.

Pakenham Dec 4, 1896.

To the Editor of The Canadian.

Dear Sir—Bro. Kelly has resigned the office of Recording Secretary of Branch 241. The branch, learning of his departure from our midst, could not let the opportunity pass without showing their appreciation of the services he has rendered. He held an important position of book-keeper in the store of B. W. Danner for the past twelve years, and has entered the service of H. Deau, Renfrew, where he will have a more lucrative position. On the evening of the 25th November, he was invited by the branch to the hotel of Bro. P. J. Grace, where an excellent supper awaited him as well as invited guests and representatives

of Branch 11, Arnprior, and St. Almonte.

After justice had been done to the excellent supper laid before them, the usual toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The following address was read by Bro. Smith, and Bro. Kelly, although taken by surprise, made a neat reply, thanking the branch for their kindness, and wishing them success and prosperity.

Yours fraternally, J. H. BURKE, Rec. Sec.

Mr. James Robert Kelly.

Dear Sir and Brother:—The members of Branch 211, Pakenham, Ont., have learned that you are about to return from Pakenham, and we take this opportunity of expressing our high appreciation of the great interest you have taken in the welfare of this branch and that belief that much of its success is due to your untiring efforts in its behalf.

While the Society must deeply regret the severance of the ties which have so long given us the benefit of your zeal, the members have the consolation of hoping that what is their loss may be your gain, and while the parting of old friends is always painful, we who are left behind will look forward with pleasure to hearing of you or continuing a conversation and prosperity in the best sense of those words.

In expressing these good wishes to you, we do only voice the sentiments of Branch 211 of the whole congregation of St. Peter's, as the past year's diligent work around the hall has every thing connected therewith have won for you a success which you may always be happy to look back upon.

We have watched your steady growth in life. You came here and first served as a clerk, and by your trustworthiness and integrity have advanced step by step until now you are at the top rung on the ladder of success. With the lapse of time we have grown to appreciate your integrity, your high moral character, your deposit in the bank of your life on every occasion, and above all, that you have been able to be the source of all our actions.

But great as our admiration and regard for you has been, not until you have severed the ties which had bound you to us, do we fully realize the loss we had sustained.

Receiving the assurances of the earnest wishes of the members of this branch for your future happiness and prosperity, we humbly pray,

(Signed) J. A. McDONALD, Pres. D. SMITH, Sec. 1st.

Third Anniversary Concert of Branch 215.

The third anniversary concert of Branch 215, C. M. B. A., took place in the Branch Hall on Tuesday evening last, and was a complete success. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by an appreciative audience, who enjoyed the entertainment very much. The accompanists were Miss Sarah Strong, Prof. J. T. Gallant, and Miss Gaudet, and they did their part in good style. The programme was as follows:

The opening number was a piano solo, by Miss Strong, who played splendidly.

Bro. L. J. Reddin followed with a reading, with choral accompaniment, which was rendered in fine style.

Misses Gertrude Macmillan and Katie Noonan gave a very pleasing piano duet, and won much applause.

The humorous recitation, "A Snack in School," was finely rendered by Miss Regina Gaffney, evoking hearty laughter and winning much applause.

Mr. Joseph Gillis followed with a vocal solo, "My Wee Wife Waiting at the Door," which was pleasingly sung and generously applauded.

Miss Aggie Wickham always sings well, and on this occasion she appeared to special advantage in the beautiful song, "When the Dew Drops Kiss the Daisies." In response to an enthusiastic encore she sang "Annie Laurie."

An instrumental trio, "The Dove's Return Waltz," by Miss Strong on the piano, and Masters Joseph and Cosmo Delaney on the violin, was very pretty, and rendered in their usual good style.

In the second part of the programme they gave another selection, "Over

On the 29th Oct., 1896, the wife of Bro. John E. W. Berner, Doon, Ont., was a member.

the Waves," which was played in a manner that would have done credit to professionals

Prof. Gallant, Egmont Bay, gave a piano solo, a mazouka, which was beautifully rendered and loudly applauded

Mr Joseph Macdonald, Seven Mile Bay, followed with the stirring vocal solo, "The Sword of Bunker Hill," to which he did justice, winning liberal applause

Brother Thomas N. Dunahoo, of Kensington Branch, gave a comic song, "The Bird Picked Out," in good style, and won an encore, to which he responded with another humorous selection

The anniversary address was delivered by Bro. Charles Murphy of the Customs Department here, and it was most appropriate to the occasion. He began by referring to the growth of the C. M. B. A. in this province and throughout Canada, and to the fine class of men in the organization, there having so far been only one death in the ranks of the order in Prince Edward Island, and that by accidental drowning. He spoke of the strong financial standing of the order, and the inducements and advantages it held out, and instituted some comparisons between straight line and assessment assurance, the latter, he claimed, being much the older of the two, as there were at the present day in England fraternal benefit and insurance companies, on the assessment plan, that were about seven hundred years old. He closed with some eloquent remarks concerning the fraternal advantages of the C. M. B. A., and the immense good it had done the widows and orphans of deceased members. Bro. Murphy's address was eloquent, practical and to the point, and well merited the prolonged applause it received.

Mr. Charles Birch followed with a vocal solo, "Happy be thy Dreams," which he rendered in a very pleasing manner, winning much applause.

Next came an instrumental selection, "Merry Princess," by Miss Ella Stilliphant, mandolin, and Miss Strong, piano. This was a very pretty piece, and was given in a style that pleased the audience.

The vocal solo, "I'm Sailing Home to Sweet Kathleen," was rendered by Miss Bella Gaudet, now of Summerside and recently organist of Miscouche church, in such excellent style that she had to respond to an encore. She bids fair to become a favorite on concert programmes here.

The recitation, "Spartacus to the Gladiators at Capua," by Miss Ida E. Gough, was one of the gems of the evening. It was splendidly rendered, and justly merited the encore it received.

Mr. M. D. Ready, Irishtown, came next, with the vocal solo, "Give My Love to Nellie," which he rendered in first rate style, receiving an encore, to which he responded with another pleasing solo

"The Frenchman's Mistake," a humorous reading by Bro A. C. Cullen, was well rendered and greatly enjoyed by the audience, and generously applauded.

Rev. E. V. P. O'N. Byrd's solo, "Norine Maureen," was a vocal gem, and so well did he please the audience, that they insisted upon hearing him again, and he responded with "The Meeting of the Waters."

The closing number was a comic song by the old favorite, Bro Jas. R. Kenny, who sang, "O! Mistress O' Flaherty, What do ye mean by that?" in a manner that caused roars of

laughter. He was encored twice, the audience insisting upon hearing him again and again

The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close

The members of Branch 215 hereby express their thanks to all those who kindly took part in the entertainment, and to those who, by their presence, assisted in making the concert the grand success it was - P. E. I. Agriculturist

APPEALS.

Deemerton, Oct. 12, 1896.

To the President and Members of Branch No. 10, C. M. B. A.

Brothers—The object of our Association being mutual aid, Branch 69, located at Deemerton, deems it proper to appeal to the fraternal charity and Christian hearts of all our C. M. B. A. Brothers in behalf of unfortunate Brother Geo. La France, one of the charter members of our branch.

Brother La France has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism and asthma for the last few years, and thus his large family of six small children have been deprived of their natural support. With business reverses and the loss of his house and home by fire during the last year, Brother La France has been left practically penniless.

We hope therefore, Brothers, that you will be as charitable as usual and make a generous response to our appeal, and thus show your sympathy and fraternal feeling for our severely-afflicted Brother, who has always been a true and constant member of our beloved C. M. B. A.

We remain, fraternally yours,
Geo. N. SCHMITT,
President.

All contributions to be sent to John Lobsinger, R. S., Deemerton P. O., Bruce Co., Ont.

Approved by the
Rev. JOSEPH F. WEY,
Spiritual Adviser.

London, Ont., Sept. 10, 1896.

Dear Sir and Brother—The petition for an appeal in favor of Brother La France has been allowed by the Grand President and Board of Trustees.

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

Hall of Branch No. 124,
Biddulph, August 14th, 1896.

To the Grand President, Grand Secretary, and Grand Trustees, Officers and members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada:

Brothers,—It is with a deep sense of Christian charity and fraternal duty that we, the officers and members of this branch are impelled to appeal to the branches of the Association (through the medium of your kind and considerate board) on behalf of Brother Anthony O'Dwyer, who is now in very distressing circumstances owing to the long and serious illness of his wife, who is now a helpless invalid, and has been so during the last four years.

After vainly consulting all the local doctors at a great cost, he took her to Stony Point about two years ago, and to Ste. Anne de Baupré this summer. She was under the medical care of doctors in Toronto for five months, at a cost of twenty dollars a week. Mrs O'Dwyer is now entirely powerless in all her limbs, and has been so for three months, so that she has to be fed and otherwise attended to, the same as an infant, by her husband. They have nine small, helpless children, being between the ages of ten and two years.

Brother and Mrs. O'Dwyer have no female relatives, and as it is impossible for them to hire a nurse, it is through the kindness and charity of good neighbors that his children and home are

kept in a respectable condition. A year ago Brother O'Dwyer notified the branch of his intention to withdraw from the Association, being unable to pay his assessments. We persuaded him to hold on, and that we would continue to carry him on, we having been doing so for some time previously, and are still doing so, though we cannot well afford it.

Brother O'Dwyer was not in good circumstances previous to his wife's illness, owing to various losses and troubles too numerous to mention in detail. In addition to what we have already stated relative to the case, Brother O'Dwyer's barn and other out buildings, together with all his farm produce and implements, also all his

stock, were totally destroyed by fire about three years ago. We might also mention that he lost heavily on imported horses, two valuable horses having died on him.

And therefore, knowing his case to be a sad one, with his large and helpless family, we appeal to that inherent fraternal and Christian charity which so truly characterizes the brotherhood of our noble association. Earnestly hoping that this, our appeal on behalf of our sadly afflicted brother, will meet the approval of your board and a hearty and generous response from the brotherhood.

P. J. QUIGLEY, President.
P. O'SHEA, Rec. Sec.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

December Assessment. Cotisation du mois de Dec. No. 15. Deaths Déces Nos. 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 and 94.

The Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada. Le Grand Conseil de l'A.C.B.M. du Canada. Secretary's Office, London, Dec. 1, 1896. Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., 1 Décembre, 1896. Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby officially notified of the status of the following named brothers:

| NO. | NAME. | BRANCH. | LOCATION. | POLICY. | ADMITTED. | DIED. | CAUSE OF DEATH. |
|-----|---------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| NO. | NOM. | BRANCHE. | SIÈGE. | POLICE. | ADMIS. | DÉCÉDÉS. | CAUSE DU DÉCÈS. |
| 86 | Rev. J. T. Wagner | | Windor, Ont. | 500 | Feb. 11, '75 | Aug. 26, '96 | Hypertrop. of Heart |
| 87 | Henry King | | 25 Montreal, Q. | 500 | July 10, '91 | Oct. 16, '96 | Accidentally Killed |
| 88 | Edward Kennedy | | 232 Montreal, Q. | 500 | Mar. 29, '91 | Oct. 29, '96 | Pneumonia |
| 89 | Edward Casey | | 51 Montreal, Q. | 500 | July 3, '89 | Nov. 3, '93 | Diabetes Mellitus |
| 90 | Thomas Skirfeki | | 67 Pembroke, Ont. | 100 | Dec. 26, '89 | Nov. 3, '96 | Cancer of Stomach |
| 91 | R. G. J. S. Stoffin | | 55 St. Agatha, Ont. | 200 | Oct. 22, '92 | Nov. 6, '96 | Accidentally Killed |
| 92 | Richard H. Barry | | 31 Morrisburg, Ont. | 200 | June 2, '91 | Nov. 11, '96 | Pertentitis |
| 93 | John Galvan | | 212 Owen Sound, Ont. | 50 | Mar. 11, '95 | Nov. 21, '96 | Heart Disease |
| 94 | Rev. Joseph Hutter | | 12 Berlin, Ont. | 200 | Sep. 28, '95 | Nov. 27, '96 | Heart Disease |

Deaths Nos. 86 and 87 not placed in regular order, proof of death not having been received in time.

Les déces Nos 86 et 87 ne sont pas rapportés dans l'ordre régulier, la preuve n'ayant pas été reçue en temps.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for November, 1896. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéficiaires et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois de Nov., 1896.

| BENEFICIARY FUND—FONDS DES BÉNÉFICIAIRES. | | Dr. |
|---|---|-----------|
| Amount on hand Nov 1st, 1896 | Montant en caisse, le 1er Nov. 1896 | \$ 619 14 |
| Received during Nov. from No. 10 Assessment | Reçu durant le mois de Nov. No. 10 Assessment | 619 81 |
| No. 11 | " | 5,031 63 |
| No. 12 | " | 6,321 79 |
| No. 13 & 14 | " | 166 24 |

| 1896. CR. | | |
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| Nov. 10. Benefits paid on account of | Bénéfices payés à compte de | J. W. Tierney, Order 368..... \$ 1,000 00 |
| 11, do | do | P. Curran, " 308..... 1,000 00 |
| 14, do | do | H. Hundeshagen, " 373..... 2,000 00 |
| 14, do | do | J. Liddy, " 371 & 372..... 2,000 00 |
| 20, do | do | T. O'Rourke, " 373..... 2,000 00 |
| 28, do | do | J. E. Fitzgerald, " 374..... 2,000 00 |
| 30, do | do | C. T. Boyce, " 375..... 2,000 00 |
| December (Décembre) 1st, 1896, Balance | | \$12,790 31 |
| | | \$12,790 31 |

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893, to date... \$506,517 85
Montant total du Fonds des Bénéficiaires collecté depuis le 1er Janv., 1893, à cette date... \$506,517 85
Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date... \$515,757 57
Montant total payé aux Bénéficiaires des membres décédés à cette date... \$515,757 57

| RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RÉSERVE. | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Amount on hand November 1st, 1896 | Montant en caisse le 1er de Nov. 1896 | \$ 57,957 08 |
| Amount accrued since last report | Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport | 69 31 |
| Total | | \$ 58,026 39 |

SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. of Canada: Aux Membres de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada

Brothers,—The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 15 (December Assessment) is given in compliance with Section 7 of Beneficiary Fund Law; the legal notice of these regular monthly assessments is given in our Constitution. You must pay this Assessment to the Fin. Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of Jan., 1897. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of this Assessment, accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report, on or before the 5th day of Jan., '97. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments.

Frères—L'état précédent de la cotisation No. 15 (cotisation du mois de Décembre) est donné en conformité de la Clause 7ème de notre loi concernant le Fonds des Bénéficiaires; l'avis légal de ces cotisations mensuelles régulières est donné dans notre Constitution. Vous devez payer cette cotisation au Secrétaire Financier de votre Succursale le ou avant le 3ème jour de Janv., 1897. Les Trésoriers des Succursales doivent me faire remise du montant de cette cotisation, accompagné du Rapport de la Cotisation Mensuelle, le ou avant le 5ème jour de Janv., 1897. Les membres, et plus particulièrement les officiers des Succursales, sont priés de lire attentivement les clauses 1, 8, 9, 10 et 11 de notre Constitution afin de bien connaître les règlements concernant les cotisations.

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

Fraternellement à vous,
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

Contributions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged in THE CANADIAN by Brother Patrick O'Shea, Granton, Ontario

The above Appeal is approved by the Parish Priest.

Dear Sir and Brother.—The Grand President and Board of Trustees have decided to allow the appeal from your branch on behalf of Brother Anthony O'Dwyer.

Yours fraternally, S. R. BROWN, G. S.

To the Members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.

Brothers—Branch No. 227 of the C. M. B. A., located at Fort William, Ont., deems it an urgent duty to appeal to the branches of this Association in behalf of Brother Ernest Sicotte, who on the 6th of March last had a paralytic stroke and during the following week had eight more strokes, since which time he has been confined to his home and his family has thus been deprived of their only support.

Brother Sicotte was initiated into our Branch on the 28th of Oct., 1895 and has been a member in good standing ever since.

We were in hopes that Brother Sicotte would recover the use of his limbs and be able to resume his work, but God in His all wise Providence permits him to be deprived of that inestimable blessing.

The object of our Association being mutual help, we hope that the brothers of the C. M. B. A. will profit by this occasion to help a brother in distress and thus draw down the blessing of God on themselves and our Association.

A small offering from each Branch will help Brother Sicotte to provide for his wife and little ones during the long months of our severe winter which is fast drawing near.

Hoping then Brothers, that you will charitably lend Brother Sicotte a helping hand,

We remain, yours fraternally, JAS MURPHY, President. C. A. COVENEY, Rec. Sec. W. H. WHALEN, Fin. Sec. L. ARPIN, S. J., Spirit. Adviser. Fort William, Sept. 8, 1896.

All contributions to be sent to W. H. Whalen, Fin. Sec. of C. M. B. A., Branch 227, Fort William, Ont.

Stanstead, Que., 16 Sept. 1896.

I heartily approve of the appeal made by Branch No. 227, C. M. B. A., on behalf of Brother Ernest Sicotte, and sincerely recommend his case to the charitable aid of the various Branches of our order.

M. F. HACKETT, Grand President.

The appeal from Branch 227, in behalf of Brother Sicotte, has also been allowed by the Board of Trustees.

The Letour Appeal.

Cornwall, Ont., Nov. 14, '96.

Dear Sir and Brother—I herewith send you an additional list of the names and location of branches that have responded to our appeal on behalf of our afflicted brother, Thomas Letour, kindly request-

ing you to publish same in next month's official organ.

Yours fraternally,

P. McCaug, Rec. Sec. Br. 38.

Table with 2 columns: Amount previously reported, Branch No. and location. Total to date: \$194.95

The La France Appeal.

Deemerton, Ont., Nov. 6, '96.

Dear Sir and Brother—I send you the list of branches that have responded to Brother La France's appeal. Please publish it in THE CANADIAN.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN J. LOUSINGER, Rec. Sec. Br. 69.

Table with 2 columns: Branch No. and location, Amount. Total to date: \$69.00

The O'Dwyer Appeal.

Biddulph, Ont., Nov. 30, '96.

Dear Sir and Brother—Kindly permit me to express, through the official organ, the very sincere thanks of the officers and members of Branch 124, to the different branches of our Association that have so generously contributed to the assistance of our brother, Anthony O'Dwyer.

Yours fraternally,

P. O'SHEA, Rec. Sec. Br. 124.

Table with 2 columns: Branch No. and location, Amount. Total to date: \$70.00

GRAND DEPUTIES.

The following is the official list of Grand Deputies appointed by Grand President Hackett for the ensuing term—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

- Stormont and Glengarry—D. G. McDonald, Cornwall. Greenville—P. C. Murdoch, Prescott. Leeds—I. T. Noonan, Brockville. Frontenac, Lennox and Addington—J. J. Beehan, Kingston. Hastings—E. J. Edwards, Deseronto. Northumberland—J. J. Swift, Cobourg. Durham and Victoria—Dr. Lynch, Lindsay. Ontario—J. Long, Whithy. York County and City of Toronto—P. J. Rooney, J. J. O'Hearn and W. F. Kernahan, Toronto. Halton—J. Hourigan, Dundas. Wentworth County and City of Hamilton—John Loman, Hamilton. Lincoln—J. H. G. Horey, Merriton. Welland—James Quillman, Niagara Falls. Haldimand—John A. Murphy, Cayuga. Norfolk—Rev. P. Corcoran, LaSalette. Elgin—P. L. M. Egau, St Thomas. Kent—Thomas Foran, Wallaceburg. Essex—John Dugal, Tecumseh; Joseph De Garse, Windsor. Lambton—James O'Leary, Port Lambton. Middlesex—P. F. Boyle, London. Huron—Rev. James Kennedy, Seaford. Bruce—Lewis L. Kramer, Carlsruhe. Grey—George Lang, Berlin. Simcoe—R. A. Lynch, Orillia. Perth—E. J. Kneith, Stratford. Waterloo—John Noll, Petersburg. Oxford—C. B. Ryan, Ingersoll. Brant—Thomas O'Neil, Paris. Wellington—P. M. Kirby, Arthur. Peel and Dufferin—P. J. Woods, Brampton. Muskoka, Parry Sound and Haliburton—Robert J. Clarkson, Parry Sound. Nipissing and Algoma—P. McCool, North Bay. Peterborough—Thos. J. Moher, M. D., Peterborough. Monck—Rev. J. E. Crinion, Dunville. Renfrew—M. Galvin, Arnprior. Lanark—John O'Loughlin, Perth. Carleton, Russell, Prescott and City of Ottawa—J. A. Doyon, A. T. Gow, Ottawa.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

- Levis, Dorchester and Beauce—Rev. C. E. Carrier, Levis. Montmagny and Bellechasse—Ferdinand Samson, Cap St Ignace. Kamouraska and L'Islet—F. X. E. Guay, St Alexandre de Kamouraska. Temiscouata and Rimouski—J. A. Theriault, Fraserville. Lothbinière—Rev. L. E. A. Gagné, St Ferdinand, Halifax. Quebec City and District—Eugene Blais, St Sauveur; C. A. Parent, St Roch; Dr. A. Lanthier, Quebec; John Bryson, Quebec; P. Kirwin, Quebec. Three Rivers—Chas. D. Hebert, Three Rivers. Stanstead and Compton—P. A. Bissonnet, Stanstead. Bonaventure and Gaspé—Philip Lousel, Paspébiac. Jacques Cartier, Laval and Terrebonne—J. T. Dorais, St Vincent de Paul. Soulanges, Vaudreuil, Two Mountains and Argenteuil—M. A. Campeau, Montreal. L'Assomption—J. E. Faribault, L'Assomption. Montreal and Jonette—J. A. Renaud, Joliette. Berthier and Maskinonge—Dr. L. A. Plante, Louiseville. Champlain and St Maurice—Dr. L. P. Norman, Three Rivers. Arthabaska—J. N. Gastonquay, Arthabaskaville. Megantic—H. H. Guay, Victoriaville. Quebec and Portneuf, City of Quebec excepted—Dr. Michel Fiset, Quebec. Charlevoix, Chicoutimi and Sagouay—Dr. L. H. Labrecque, Murray Bay. Vercheres, Richelieu and Yamaska—J. J. T. Roberge, Sorel. Missisquoi, Brome and Shefford—Dr. F. R. C. Phelan, Waterloo. Drummond—Rev. O. Milot, L'Avenir.

Sherbrooke, Richmond and Wolfe—Dr. John Hayes, Richmond.

Nicolet—Wulfeid Cameron, Nicolet. Pontiac—M. Galvin, Arnprior, Ont. Ottawa—J. A. Doyon, Ottawa, Ont. St. John, Iberville, Riverville, St. Hyacinthe and Bagot—H. A. Beauregard, St. Hyacinthe. City and District of Montreal—A. H. Spedding, C. Daudelin, Jos. Girard, A. Barthe, P. Reynolds, T. J. O'Neil, J. J. Costigan, I. P. Lansey, Montreal.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John City and County—John L. Carleton, St. John. Madawaska and Victoria—Rev. M. A. O'Keefe, Grand Falls. Westmorland—J. J. Sweeney, Moncton. Kent—David Landry, Buctouche. Northumberland—Wm. I. Connors, Chatham. Gloucester—J. J. Power, Bathurst. Restigouche—James S. Harquail, Dalhousie. Kings, Queen's, Albert, Charlotte, York, Sunbury and Carleton—Philip J. O'Keefe, St. John.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Yarmouth and Shelburne—F. G. J. Compton, Yarmouth. Digby—Rev. J. J. Sullivan, Waymouth. Annapolis—Angus McPhue, Annapolis. King's County, including Truro, Londonderry and Kentville—T. T. Halliday, Truro. Guysboro—D. A. Cameron, Canso. Antigonish—I. F. Seers, Antigonish. Cumberland and Colchester—George W. Cooke, Amherst. Pictou—Rev. J. A. McDonald, New Glasgow. Halifax City and County—J. R. Cragg, Halifax. Lunenburg—J. Flynn, Halifax. Hants—W. J. Power, Halifax.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

Rev. A. A. Cherrier and Dr. John K. Barrett, Winnipeg.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Hon. Charles P. Rouleau, J. S. C., Calgary. L. P. O. Noel, Battleford. N. D. Beck, Edmonton.

Initiations in October, 1896.

Initiations du Mois d'Oct., 1896.

Table with 3 columns: Br., Initiated Members. Lists initiation counts for various branches across different provinces.

Total..... 60

N. B.—The initiations in the last branch are charter members.

Les initiations de la dernière succursale sont des membres fondateurs.

HONOR ROLL.

Branches No 3, Amherstburg, Ont., and No. 189, Sydney, N. S., head the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations during the month of October, having each initiated four members. Branch No. 71, Trenton, Ont., comes next in order, having initiated three members.

NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 275 was organized on November 11th, 1896, at Georgetown, P. E. I., by Grand Deputy Rev. A. E. Burke. The following is the list of officers:—

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Stephen Thomas Phalen.
President, Joseph R. Macdonald.
First Vice-President, Hugh John McPhee.
Second Vice-President, Patrick Kelly.
Recording Secretary, Temple W. Macdonald.
Assistant Recording Secretary, Thomas Edward Morrissey.
Financial Secretary, John Henry Byrne.
Treasurer, Rev. Stephen Thos. Phalen.
Marshal, Allan Joseph McDonald.
Guard, John James E. Doyle.
Trustees, Joseph B. Macdonald, Thos. Edw. Morrissey, John Henry Byrne, Frank S. McDonald, Arch. A. Allen.

AN EXCHANGE.

At the Ottawa Convention some delegate took by mistake the satchel of Bro. D. Halpin, representative of Branch 81, Smith's Falls, Ont., and left a similar one instead. The brother concerned in the matter will please correspond with Bro. Halpin.

NOTICE.

The following are the names and addresses of all the agents of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada appointed to receive service of process in all suits and proceedings against the Association in the Province in which the said agents respectively reside:

Samuel R. Brown, London, Ont.
Timothy J. Finn, Montreal, Que.
William E. Scully, St. John (West), New Brunswick.
James R. Cragg, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Rev. Alfred E. Burke, Alberton, Prince Edward Island.
John K. Barrett, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Louis Philippe O. Noel, Bathford, North West Territories.
Dated this 13th day of October, A. D., 1893.

SAMUEL R. BROWN,
Grand Sec., C. M. B. A.

Officers of Branches Elected for the Ensuing Term, 1897.

Branch 10, St. Catharines, Ont.
President H. R. Cudron, 1st vice W. R. Welsh, 2d vice F. Caffery, recording secretary M. Sullivan, assistant secretary C. J. Murphy, financial secretary J. E. Lawrence, treasurer J. E. McCarthy, marshal Wm. Nesbitt, guard P. McCarty, trustees J. J. O'Brien, Thos. Durbin and M. J. Kimmott.

Branch 19, Ingersoll, Ont.
Spiritual adviser Rev. Father Connolly, president C. B. Ryan, 1st vice John Frenzell, 2d vice Peter Sherry, recording secretary J. P. O'Neill, assistant secretary James Connolly, treasurer J. S. Smith, financial secretary S. E. O'Brien, marshal Jacob Hefin, guard John Brophy, trustees M. J. McDermott, James Conisky.

Branch 28, Ottawa, Ont.
Spiritual adviser Rev. M. J. Whelan, president Thomas Smith, 1st vice P. Clark, 2d vice M. White, recording secretary Thos. McGrail, assistant secretary A. Legg, financial secretary S. E. O'Brien, treasurer Hy Higerty, guard Terrance McGuire, marshal Jas. O'Connor, trustees E. Connor, D. F. McCarthy, E. A. Mara, Jas. Slater, C. J. Steers.

Branch 39, Neustadt, Ont.
Chancellor Wm. John O'Reilly, president Valentine Kirchner, 1st vice S. V. Herringer, 2d vice Basilus Osby, treasurer Wm. J. O'Reilly, financial secretary Markos Karl, recording secretary Jacob J. Weinert, assistant secretary John Nauer, marshal Adam Strocher, guard Martin Drumm, trustees V. Kirchner, Wm. J. O'Reilly, S. Herringer, B. Oberly, John Nauer.

Branch 41, Arnprior, Ont.
President M. J. Monaghan, 1st vice John F. O'Neill, 2d vice C. A. Daza, Treasurer John Farney, financial and recording secretary E. C. Armand, assistant secretary W. P. Tierney, marshal John Murphy, guard David A. Buchan, trustees J. F. O'Neill, H. A. Devine.

Branch 47, Arthur, Ont.
Spiritual adviser Rev. J. P. Doherty, Chancellor J. O'Donnell, president John McNab, 1st vice Rev. C. Dato, 2d vice Jas. Phalen, recording secretary J. D. Callaghan, assistant secretary E. Gainer, financial secretary Wm. McCordle, treasurer Hugh Campbell, marshal J. P. Kearns, guard C. Heffernan, trustees M. Dowd, M. J. Carroll and C. O'Neill.

Branch 56, Hamilton, Ont.
President John J. Bucke, 1st vice Geo. Southworth, 2d vice N. J. Fitzpatrick, treasurer B. Canley, financial secretary John J. Burns, recording secretary M. T. Fitzpatrick, assistant secretary John P. Dougherty, marshal W. A. Munday, guard M. McLaughlin, trustees Jas. Gaffney, W. A. D. Baby, John P. Dougherty, M. Fitzpatrick, George Southworth.

Branch 57, Orillia, Ont.
President Rev. Fr. McPhillips, 1st vice F. Hoey, 2d vice G. Ovsend, recording secretary A. Birchard, financial secretary J. Thompson, Treasurer R. M. Donnelly, marshal P. McSweeney, guard W. McDermott, trustees T. P. Hart, F. Clark, Wm. McDermott, P. McSweeney, R. A. Lynch.

Branch 58, Ottawa, Ont.
Chancellor J. E. A. Robillard, president J. N. Ratley, 1st vice A. Julien, 2d vice N. A. Roudeau, recording secretary W. A. Bedard, assistant secretary J. B. Peiteler, treasurer J. B. Dorion, financial secretary C. Castonguay, marshal Geo. A. A. Blackburn, guard M. Pare, trustees E. Proulx, T. Sauve, J. H. Primeau, J. F. Belanger, M. Hudon.

Branch 60, Dublin, Ont.
President Bernard O'Connell, 1st vice Michael Doyle, 2d vice James Williams, recording secretary James Jordan, assistant secretary Thos. Kenny, financial secretary George Howard, treasurer John Carpenter, marshal Thomas Kyle, guard John Wingle, trustees Frank McDonald, Michael Doyle, George Howard, Michael King, Thomas Kale.

Branch 102, Richmond, Que.
Spiritual adviser Rev. P. Quinn, president G. Lalonde, 1st vice P. McDanough, 2d vice G. Chaput, recording secretary C. O. St. Jean, assistant secretary C. N. Desaulins, financial secretary C. Girard, Treasurer P. Healey, marshal D. Raymond, Guard C. Pinard, trustees L. Jutras, Alex. Poulin, G. P. Prechotte.

Branch 150, Bathurst, N. B.
President Richard A. Smitton, 1st vice John S. Hackey, 2d vice John E. Baldwin, recording secretary Wm. J. La Point, assisting secretary Bennett Hackey, financial secretary Joseph J. Meahan, treasurer James J. Power, marshal Thomas Salter, guard Thomas Kennah, trustees John C. Meahan, M. D. Aime Gallant.

Branch 221, Murray Bay, Que.
Spiritual adviser Rev. Bruno Leclerc, president Elie Harvey, 1st vice Alphonse Guay, 2d vice Wm. Trudel, recording secretary Joseph Conturier, assistant secretary George Warren, financial secretary L. H. Labrecque, treasurer Alfred Giron, marshal Wm. Trudel, guard Augustin Bouchie, trustees Joseph Conturier, L. H. Chaperon, Leon Trudel.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 173, Belle River, Ont., the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Bro. Mousseau, seconded by Bro. Gerrard, that a resolution of condolence be tendered Bro. Michael Strong, on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Martha Strong.

Also moved by Bro. Rev. Father Meunier, seconded by Bro. M. Menard that a resolution of condolence be adopted and sent to the parents of our esteemed and late Brother Albert Parent, whose death took place on September 30th, 1895.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 166, held on the 25th of October the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Moved by Brother P. A. Bissonnet, seconded by Brother J. E. St. Pierre, Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst

our late esteemed fellow-member, Thomas O'Rourke; and

Whereas by his death this branch loses a good member, his wife a devoted husband and his children an affectionate father; therefore be it

Resolved that we, the members of this branch hereby extend to the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained, and trust that the knowledge that he whom they mourn has entered into a better world than this one of sorrow will enable them to bear with Christian fortitude the heavy cross placed upon them.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow of our deceased brother and copies sent to the Standard Journal and THE CANADIAN for publication.

At a meeting of Branch No. 30, Peterboro, Ont., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

We, the members of Branch No. 30, Peterboro, assembled in regular meeting, beg to record our heartfelt sorrow at the loss of our esteemed brother, Edward Hatrick; and, while bowing in humble submission to the will of our Maker, we pray that Almighty God may grant eternal rest to the soul of our deceased brother;

And whereas by his death the branch has lost an esteemed and worthy member, his children an affectionate father; be it therefore

Resolved that we extend to the children and sorrowing relations of our departed brother our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this their hour of affliction, and trust that Divine Providence may sustain and comfort them in their affliction; be it further

Resolved that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of this branch and copies of same be forwarded to the family of our deceased brother and THE CANADIAN.

At a regular meeting of Branch 212, Owen Sound, Ont., the following resolutions were adopted:

We, the members of Branch 212, assembled, hereby extend to Mr. and Mrs. Galvin our heartfelt sympathy in the sad loss of their son and our brother, John Galvin, but as it is the will of Almighty God to call him to his eternal reward, let us bow our heads in humble submission to the will of Divine Providence, who does all things for the best; and while it is our loss, we trust that it will be heaven's gain, and pray that the Almighty may grant us grace to bear the crosses of this life with patience and resignation to His holy will; be it further

Resolved that this resolution be entered on the minutes of this meeting and sent to THE CANADIAN for publication.

Branch No. 13, Stratford, Ont., at its regular meeting, held Wednesday evening, Nov. 11th, extended resolutions of condolence to Bro. John Dunn, on the death of his father, Jeremiah Dunn.

At a meeting of Branch No. 262 the following resolution of condolence was moved by Bro. Cady, seconded by Bro. Morkin:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove to a happier sphere Mamie, the bright little daughter of our esteemed brother, J. J. Callahan, be it

Resolved that the members of Leithbridge Branch 262 tender their sincere condolence to Bro. Callahan and family.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved parents as well as to the official organ, THE CANADIAN.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 23, Seaford, Ont., held on Monday, Nov. 2nd, it was moved by Bro. J. Munroe, seconded by Bro. Wm. Moran, that whereas this branch has learned with deep sorrow the loss sustained by Bro. Murray in the death of his fond and loving sister, Mrs. Gleeson, of Saginaw, Mich.,

Resolved that we hereby tender to our afflicted brother our most sincere sympathy in this his hour of trial, and we earnestly pray God to have mercy on her soul; and be it further

Resolved that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this meeting, a copy be sent to our official organ and Catholic Record for publication and one given to Bro. James Murray.

At a regular meeting of Branch 267, Truro, N. S., held on Nov. 19th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Bro. Robbins and seconded by Bro. Rev. Father Kinsella, that whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call out of this world the beloved brother of our esteemed brother, R. McDonald,

Resolved that the members of this branch hereby extend their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. McDonald and his family in their sorrow and affliction; be it further

Resolved that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of this branch and copies of the same forwarded to Bro. McDonald, THE CANADIAN and the Antigonish Coaker.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 267 held at Truro, N. S., Nov. 2nd, the following resolution of condolence was moved by Bro. Rev. Father Kinsella, seconded by Bro. J. B. Jacobs, and unanimously adopted:

Inasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to his eternal reward the father of our esteemed brother, D. A. McDonald; be it therefore

Resolved that the members of Branch 267, extend to Bro. McDonald and family their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad affliction; be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Bro. McDonald and to our official organ, THE CANADIAN, for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch 71, of Trenton, Ont., the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Bro. Greaney, Secretary, and seconded by Bro. Fitzpatrick, that this branch extend to Bro. Jos. LeGarde its deepest sympathy in the loss of his mother; and a copy of this resolution be sent Bro. LeGarde, inscribed on the minutes of this meeting and sent to our official organ, THE CANADIAN, for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch 57, Orillia, Ont., the following resolution of condolence, moved by R. A. Lynch, seconded by John Regan, was tendered R. M. Donnelly:

That this branch, having learned with deep regret the affliction that has visited the family of our esteemed and worthy treasurer, in the death of his beloved wife, we sincerely sympathize with our afflicted brother in the great loss sustained by himself and family, and we earnestly pray that God may give him and them fortitude to bear the cross He has placed upon them in thus depriving them of a loving wife and devoted mother; be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this meeting and be sent to THE CANADIAN for publication.

Branch No. 13, Stratford, Ont., at its regular meeting, held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24th, extended resolutions of condolence to Past Chancellor Bro. John Hoy, on the death of his sister.

Branch No. 15 Toronto, Ont., on the death of Bro. F. P. Kavanaugh's son.

At a regular meeting of Branch 51, Barrie, Ont., the following resolution was moved by Rev. Bro. Deau Egan, seconded by Chancellor Shanney, and unanimously adopted:

That we, brethren of Branch 51, having heard with regret that it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this vale of tears J. O. Connor, dearly beloved brother of our late Spiritual Adviser, we hereby tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to our brother,

and trust that He who has made all men, will help our honored brother to bear the affliction Almighty God has pleased to place upon him. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

At a regular meeting of Branch 51, Barrie, Ont., held on the 23rd Nov., the following resolution was moved by Bro. Robt. Crossland, seconded by Bro. T. F. O'Meara, and unanimously adopted:

That, having heard with sincere regret that it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take unto himself Rita, the dearly beloved daughter of Bro. S. A. McDonald, 1st Vice-President of this branch, we desire to express our sincere sympathy with him and his wife in the temporal loss of one so near and dear to them, and trust that Almighty God will help them in this sad hour of affliction.

At a regular meeting of Branch 108, Quebec, the following resolutions of condolence were adopted:

Moved by Bro. Jos McDermot, seconded by Bro. Chas Lepage

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to her eternal reward the beloved wife of our esteemed brother, George A. Griffiths, be it therefore

Resolved that the members of Branch 108 extend to Bro. Griffiths and all the relatives of the deceased their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad affliction; be it further

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bro. Griffiths and published in the Daily Telegraph and THE CANADIAN, our official organ.

Sincere sympathy was also extended to Bro. Turcot, medical examiner, in the severe loss he has sustained in the death of his darling child.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 133, Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 4th, 1895, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call away from this world Mrs. Wm McKenna, mother of our esteemed 2nd vice president, Wm. McKenna, and Brother Owen J. McKenna,

Resolved that Branch No. 133 do transfer their most sincere condolence to Brothers McKenna also to other members of the family.

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

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

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AVIS.

Nous donnons ci-après les noms et adresses de tous les agents du Grand Conseil de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada, nommés pour recevoir signification de toute pièce de procédure dans les actions ou poursuites intentées à l'Association dans la Province où ces agents résident respectivement:

- Samuel R. Brown, London, Ont.
 - Timothy J. Finn, Montréal, P. Q.
 - William E. Scully, St. John (West) N.B.
 - James R. Craig, Halifax, N. E.
 - Révd. A. E. Burke, Alberton, I du P. E.
 - John K. Barrett, Winnipeg, Man.
 - Louis Philip, O. Noel, Battleford, T. N. O.
- Daté ce 13ème jour d'Octobre, A.D., 1896.
SAMUEL R. BROWNS,
Grand Sec. A.C.B.M.

Heureux jour de Noël et bonne Nouvelle Année à tous nos frères de l'A. C. B. M.

Le 17 Novembre la Succursale No. 71, de Trenton, Ont., a assisté à une Messe de Requiem pour le repos des âmes des frères défunts.

Les Secrétaires-Archivistes sont priés d'envoyer leur Rapport Annuel pour l'année 1896 le plus tôt possible. Voir Clauses 174 et 181 de la Constitution.

L'Etat Financier des Succursales doit être envoyé au Président du Comité des Finances du Grand Conseil pas plus tard que le 15 Janvier, 1897. Les Secrétaires-Financiers voudront bien lire les Clauses 74, 75 et 176 de la Constitution.

Les blancs pour le Rapport Annuel et l'Etat Financier seront envoyés au Secrétaire-Archiviste de chaque succursale par le Grand Secrétaire le ou vers le 22 courant.

Les Secrétaires-Archivistes voudront bien nous envoyer sans délai la liste des officiers des succursales pour le prochain terme, afin que nous puissions publier dans notre numéro de Janvier un indicateur complet des noms et adresses. Ne négligez pas cela.

Nous publions dans la partie Anglaise la liste des Grands Députés récemment nommés par le Grand Président Hackett. Nous y commençons aussi la publication de la liste des officiers des succursales élus pour la

prochain terme. Les membres de langue Française pourront facilement en prendre connaissance car la version Française de la liste des Députés serait la même qu'en Anglais, sauf la conjonction entre les noms des comtes, et pour la liste des officiers, le nom de ces derniers vient immédiatement après la charge à laquelle ils ont été élus et dans l'ordre de la Constitution.

L'année 1896 sera bientôt écoulée. Bien qu'elle ait été assez prospère pour l'A. C. B. M., cependant l'augmentation du nombre de nos membres n'est pas aussi grande que nous espérons. Le nombre des membres dans plusieurs de nos succursales n'a pas augmenté comme il aurait dû, et le nombre des nouvelles succursales instituées n'est pas grand. Comme de raison nous ne croyons pas en une augmentation trop rapide; elle ne serait pas profitable à l'Association; et tout en admettant que l'A. C. B. M., accroît continuellement, sûrement et d'une manière substantielle, néanmoins, considérant les grands avantages qu'elle offre, l'augmentation des membres n'est pas aussi rapide qu'elle devrait l'être. Nous espérons que l'année 1897 démontrera que nos Grands Députés, récemment nommés par le Grand Président Hackett, sont de bons organisateurs. Il n'existe pas de bonne raison pour ne pas doubler le nombre de nos membres l'année prochaine. Cependant nous ne devons pas attendre que tout cela sera accompli par le travail de nos Grands Députés seulement; chaque membre de l'Association devrait se considérer comme agent et solliciter des aspirants dans l'A. C. B. M. Si chacun de nos membres actuels amenait seulement un nouveau membre durant l'année, ce but serait atteint! Frère, que la suivante soit l'une de vos bonnes résolutions du jour de l'An:—"Je ferai tout en mon pouvoir, et emploierai tous les moyens légitimes pour amener au moins un nouveau membre à ma succursale de l'A. C. B. M., durant 1897."

Feu Mr. P. O'Reilly.

Nous regrettons d'apprendre la mort de Mr. P. O'Reilly, de Montréal, arrivée le 30 Novembre. Mr. O'Reilly était un ardent zélateur des sociétés de bienfaisance. Il fut membre du Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada jusqu'au temps de la séparation de ce dernier d'avec les Etats-Unis, alors qu'il resta affilié au Conseil Suprême. Il travailla à la formation d'un Grand Conseil dans la Province de Québec sous la juridiction de l'A. C. B. M. des Etats-Unis, et il en était le Président à la date de sa mort. Nous offrons à la famille du défunt nos sincères sympathies dans la perte qu'elle vient de subir et prions Dieu de la consoler dans son affliction. La Gazette de Montréal parle de lui comme suit:

"Il existera un sentiment général de regret ce matin à l'Hotel de Ville à la nouvelle de la mort de Mr. Patrick O'Reilly, Secrétaire du Département des Chemins, et l'un des officiers

civiques les mieux informés. Jusqu'à il y a quelques jours Mr. O'Reilly souffrait de sa santé oratoire, mais au commencement de la semaine il contracta un rhume, qui se développa rapidement en une violente attaque de pneumonie à laquelle il succomba tard Vendredi soir à sa résidence sur la rue Murray. A part d'occuper la position importante de Secrétaire du Département des Chemins, le défunt était aussi membre actif de plusieurs sociétés nationales Irlandaises et de bienfaisance: il était Grand Président du Conseil de Québec de l'A. C. B. M., membre de la Société Patriotique, de l'Ancient Order of United Workmen, de la C. B. L., et aussi de l'Ordre des Select Knights et d'autres associations semblables. A une assemblée spéciale du Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M., présidée par Mr. P. McDermott et à laquelle un grand nombre d'officiers et membres assistaient, des résolutions de condoléance furent adoptées. Feu Mr. O'Reilly qui était âgé d'environ cinquante ans, laisse une épouse et cinq enfants pour pleurer sa perte

L'Hon Michael Felix Hackett, C. R., M. P. P.

GRAND PRÉSIDENT DE L'A. C. B. M.

L'Hon. M. F. Hackett est né à Granby, P. Q., en Août, 1854. Il reçut son éducation au Collège de St. Hyacinthe, commença à étudier le droit à Stanstead sous L. J. Terrill, et plus tard en l'étude de l'Hon. J. J. C. Abbott de Montréal. Il fut gradué à l'Université McGill en 1875 et fut l'un des valedictorian de cette année. Dans la même année il fut admis au Barreau et depuis cette époque il a pratiqué à Stanstead. En 1890 il fut fait C. R., et pendant plusieurs années il fut membre du Bureau des Examinateurs du Barreau Provincial, et Bâtonnier du Barreau dans le District de St. François. Il a occupé la charge de maire de la ville de Stanstead et de préfet du comté. En 1892 il fut élu à la Législature Provinciale et en 1895 assesseur comme Président du Conseil dans le Cabinet de l'Hon. Mr. Taillon, et il occupe la position de Secrétaire Provincial dans le Cabinet actuel de la Province de Québec.

En Mai 1891, Frère Hackett est entré dans l'A. C. B. M., comme membre fondateur de la Succursale No. 166 à la formation de laquelle il travailla. Il fut choisi pour premier Président de la succursale et depuis il a été réélu chaque année. Il représenta la succursale aux conventions du Grand Conseil en 1892, 1894 et 1896. Dès son entrée dans l'Association il prit une part prééminente dans ses affaires. A la convention de l'A. C. B. M., tenue à Hamilton, il fut choisi comme membre du Comité Spécial nommé pour prendre en considération et faire rapport sur les effets de l'Acte des Assurances d'Ontario de 1892, qui pouvaient concerner l'A. C. B. M. Les délégués à cette convention se rappelleront l'éloquent et convaincant discours que prononça notre Grand Président actuel en faveur de la Séparation des Etats-Unis, et dans lequel il conseillait aux membres de l'A. C. B. M., dans la Province de Québec de rester unis au Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada. Pendant la difficulté au sujet du règlement de la Séparation Bénéficiaire dans la Province de Québec il se dévoua à la défense du Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada sans regarder à son temps ou aux dépenses de sa part. Il fut élu Second Vice-Président du Grand Conseil en 1892, en 1894 Premier Vice-Président, et à notre convention d'Ottawa en Août dernier, il fut élu par acclamation Grand Président, le plus grand honneur que l'Association pouvait lui conférer.

La Gazette de Montréal dans un article intitulé "Le Gouvernement Provincial" dit de lui: "Les comtés qui constituent les dis-

tricts de Bedford et de St. Francis comptent parmi les plus prospères et les plus prospères au Canada et ils ont contribué à la Législature et au Parlement du Canada que plus de 50 hommes les plus capables et les plus distingués qui aient occupé un siège dans ces deux chambres. Mr. Hackett est le digne successeur d'une longue lignée de magistrats illustres. Il a une grande expérience des affaires publiques. Longtemps avant de briguer les suffrages des électeurs de Stanstead, son nom était en grande renommée par tous les Townships de l'Est, renommée acquise par son active participation dans les luttes électurales pendant plus d'une décennie. Sa popularité personnelle est attestée par la grande majorité qui l'ont élu en 1892 dans le comté qu'il représente. Mais sa popularité est bien d'être restreinte au comté de Stanstead. Dans la fleur de l'âge, jouissant d'une vigueur intellectuelle et physique remarquable, d'une intégrité absolue de caractère, et imbu d'un sincère desir de promouvoir la prospérité de la province, nous entrevoyons avec confiance une carrière distinguée et honorable pour lui dans la plus grande sphère d'utilité dans laquelle il est sur le point d'entrer. Mr. Hackett est donc d'un grand pouvoir oratoire, n'étant surpassé sous ce rapport que par peu d'hommes publics, mais encore plus que par les dons et les grâces de la rhétorique, il a pour le recommander au respect et à la confiance les qualités d'une honnête intention de servir le public loyalement, d'une grande tolérance, manifestée en plus d'une occasion, et d'une grande appréciation de la saine doctrine qu'une charge publique est un devoir public sacré.

Echange.

A la convention d'Ottawa un Délégué a pris par méprise le satchel de Frère D Halpin, représentant de la succursale No. 81, de Smith's Falls, Ont., et en a laissé un semblable à la place. Le frère qui est concerné dans cette affaire voudra bien correspondre avec frère Halpin.

Nouvelle Succursale

La Succursale No. 275 a été instituée le 11 Novembre, 1896, à Georgetown, I. P. E., par le Grand Député Révd. A. E. Burke. Voir la partie Anglaise pour la liste des officiers.

ROLE D'HONNEUR.

Les Succursales No. 3, Amherstburg, Ont., et No. 189, Sydney, N. E., tiennent le premier rang sur le rôle d'honneur pour le plus grand nombre d'initiations durant le mois d'Octobre, ayant initié chacune quatre membres. La Succursale No. 71, Trenton, Ont., vient en second lieu, ayant initié trois membres.

FELICITATIONS.

A une assemblée régulière de la Succursale St. Alexandre No. 270 tenue le 1er Décembre, il a été proposé par Frère Victor A. Vézina, que cette succursale présente ses sincères félicitations au Frère Eugène Guay pour l'honneur auquel il vient d'être promu par le Grand Président Hackett, le nommant son légitime Grand Député pour tout le territoire comprenant les comtés de l'Islet et de Kamouraska, tel qu'il appert par une commission sous le sceau du Grand Conseil, en date du 12 Novembre, 1896. Cette résolution fut adoptée unanimement, avec de vifs applaudissements.

SALUTATIONS DE NOËL

L'approche de la plus grande de toutes les fêtes Chrétiennes avec son divin message de paix aux hommes de bonne volonté et son enchaînement sacré d'attachés humains et d'amour divin, naturellement nous suggère les joyeux et familiers salutations qui s'échappent spontanément de toutes les lèvres à cette époque joyeuse. Il me serait mal alors de ne pas saisir la plus propice de toutes les occasions et le meilleur de tous les canaux pour me conformer à cette vieille coutume honnête, et réitérant en même temps mes remerciements à mes Frères de l'A. C. B. M. pour l'honneur de m'avoir élu leur Grand Président, leur souhaiter et réitérer par tout le Dominion "Un Joyeux jour de Noël et une Heureuse Nouvelle Année." Cet anniversaire de la Nativité est le premier pendant lequel il m'est donné de presider aux destinées de notre grande Association et les pensées qui abondent dans mon esprit à une époque comme celle-ci arrivent si nombreuses et si vite que j'éprouve de la difficulté à les exprimer toutes, même si j'avais l'aide d'abus de votre temps. Néanmoins laissez-moi vous dire brièvement que la salutation familière de Noël, laquelle dans bien des cas résonne si fausement et d'une manière conventionnelle, comporte une plus grande et sainte idée lorsqu'elle est échangée entre les membres de la fraternité de l'A. C. B. M. Nous devrions et nous ne pouvons jamais oublier que la "grande nouvelle d'une grande joie", qui fut apportée du ciel sur les sombres collines de la Judée il y a près de 1900 ans passés, annonçant la venue du Christ-Enfant et sa merveilleuse mission de la rédemption humaine, avec son glorieux message de "paix sur la terre aux hommes de bonne volonté", fut le précurseur de cet esprit d'amour fraternel et du prochain, et de la charité divine, qui a révolutionné le monde et dont le plus grand but de notre association, à l'exemple de son divin modèle, est de l'inculquer et de l'étendre. Il se peut que de nos jours nous ne puissions jamais espérer de voir la fraternité universelle chez l'homme, mais nous pouvons au moins apporter notre faible part humaine par notre exemple et nos enseignements, en cultivant la fraternité, et pardessus tout, en pratiquant l'amour et la charité envers notre prochain comme envers nous-mêmes, pour promouvoir la grande doctrine de la régénération morale et matérielle que comporte le mystère de l'Incarnation. Et avec la bénédiction de Dieu et de Sa Sainte Eglise qu'il est venu, tout faible et petit enfant, fonder sur la terre, nous continuerons de même, confiants dans le succès de notre mission divine et cherchant par tous les moyens en notre pouvoir d'étendre à nos coreligionnaires les bienfaits de notre Association. Différemment du Messie, il se peut que nous soyons incapables de guérir entièrement les gens au cœur brisé ou consoler la veuve dans son affliction, comme il consola la veuve de Naïm, mais nous pouvons au moins aider à verser du baume sur leurs douleurs, apporter des nouvelles de grande joie alors que l'esprit est ébranlé et défaillit, et rejoindre le cœur de ceux qui ont perdu un père et de ceux qui sont sans secours. Et, pardessus tout, rappelons nous que la fête d'or de Noël est le jour de fête par excellence des petits enfants, que le grand maître de tous biens est venu en ce monde de peines et de péchés sous la forme d'un

petit enfant pour manifester son divin amour des petits enfants, et qu'il est de votre devoir alors, à cette saison, de montrer, nos enfants l'exemple de cette affection soucieuse, de cet amour fraternel et de cette charité envers le prochain qui les mettra à prendre et continuer l'œuvre de l'A. C. B. M. lorsque nous ne serons plus. A une aussi heureuse époque que la saison de Noël, avec ses souvenirs plaisants et d'amour, avec sa tradition de gaieté et d'hospitalité, aucun frère de l'A. C. B. M. particulièrement, ne devrait souffrir de besoins, ni ses petits enfants s'imaginer qu'à travers le sombre nuage, qui s'abat sur leur demeure, ils ne peuvent entrevoir un meilleur avenir. Que la joie, qui rayonna et rayonne encore par le monde entier à la venue du Sauveur, arrive aussi à eux et illumine leur sombre existence! Qu'ils se souviennent de leurs jours d'enfance! Les enfants heureux sont des jeunes gens vertueux, dévoués, remplis d'amour filial et de bons membres pour notre Association dans l'avenir. Ainsi n'oubliez pas que le prochain jour de Noël doit être un jour joyeux pour les enfants! Mais d'une plus grande importance encore qu'eux, sont les pauvres de Dieu, qu'ils appartiennent à la fraternité de l'A. C. B. M., ou à cette plus grande fraternité de l'humanité en général. Nous les avons toujours au milieu de nous et ils sont toujours en grand nombre, spécialement à cette saison bénie, pour nous faire pratiquer cette vertu divine qui, nous dit-on, efface une multitude de péchés. Pendant que le riche et les gens à l'aise fêtent, les pauvres ne devraient pas être oubliés. Bien plus, la charité ne connaît pas de croyances ni de nationalité. Ses ailes s'étendent sur tous ceux qui sont en besoins et tous sont les bienvenus sous leur abri. Ainsi l'œuvre de Dieu est accomplie et les cœurs brisés sont réconfortés. Et très certainement la douce récompense de faire du bien aux autres excède tous les plaisirs qu'on peut attendre d'une jouissance égoïste. Que chaque membre de l'A. C. B. M. alors décide que ce jour de Noël sera réellement joyeux pour tous—jeunes et vieux—riches et pauvres! Que la salutation de Noël ne soit pas seulement une expression des vœux! Qu'elle soit accompagnée de quelque marque tangible en rapport avec les principes de notre grande Association! Prions que, lorsqu'un autre jour de Noël viendra, nous trouvions notre Association même encore plus heureuse et plus nombreuse, que cette année, avec la bénédiction du divin Enfant, dont nous célébrons l'anniversaire de l'humble mais glorieuse naissance le 25 Décembre. Du motus, tel est le succès désiré, l'espoir, et la prière, accompagnée des salutations de Noël de

Votre, etc.,
M. F. HACKETT,
Grand Président.

GARANTIE DES OFFICIERS.

Le comité nommé par le Grand Président et le Bureau des Syndics pour choisir une compagnie devant fournir des garanties pour les officiers de l'A. C. B. M. qui sont requis d'en donner, a décidé d'accepter la soumission de "The Employers Liability Association Corporation, Limited."
Messrs. Schmidt and McKeon, General Agents, Montreal, Que., sont les personnes avec lesquelles nos officiers de succursales voudront bien correspondre à ce sujet.

Les officiers de succursales requis

par notre constitution de donner des garanties sont les Secrétaires Financiers et les Trésoriers. Les officiers du Grand Conseil sont le Grand Président, les Grands Syndics, le Grand Trésorier et le Grand Secrétaire.

APPELS.

Doemerton, Ont., 12 Oct. 1896.
Au Président et aux membres de la succursale No. 69, A. C. B. M.

Frères—L'objet de notre association étant de s'aider mutuellement, la succursale No. 69, établie à Doemerton, croit devoir faire appel à la charité fraternelle de tous nos Frères de l'A. C. B. M. en faveur de notre infortuné frère, George LaFrance, l'un des membres fondateurs de notre succursale.

Frère LaFrance a souffert d'un rhumatisme inflammatoire et de l'asthme depuis ces dernières années, et ainsi sa grande famille de six petits enfants a été privée de son soutien naturel. Pour cause de revers en affaires et la perte de sa maison détruite par le feu l'année dernière, Frère LaFrance se trouve pratiquement sans le sou.

Nous espérons donc, Frères, que vous serez aussi charitables que d'habitude et répondrez généreusement à notre appel, et qu'ainsi vous prouverez votre sympathie et vos sentiments fraternels envers notre Frère si affligé, qui a toujours été membre dévoué de notre bien-aimée A. C. B. M.

Nous demeurons,
Fraternellement à vous,
GEO. N. SUMMIT, Prés.

Toutes les contributions devront être envoyées à John Lobsinger, Sec. Arch., Doemerton, Comté de Bruce, Ont.

Approuvé par
REV. JOSEPH F. WEY,
Avisseur Spirituel.

London, Ont., 10 Sept. 1896

Cher Monsieur et Frère,—Votre requête au sujet d'un appel en faveur de Frère LaFrance a été sanctionnée par le Grand Président et le Bureau des Syndics.

Fraternellement à vous,
SAM R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

Biddulph, Ont., 11 Août, 1896.

Aux Grand Président, Grand Secrétaire et Grands Syndics, Officiers et membres de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada :

Frères,—C'est avec un profond esprit de charité Chrétienne et du devoir fraternel que nous, les officiers et membres de cette succursale, nous sommes poussés à faire appel aux succursales de l'Association par l'intermédiaire de votre bienveillant bureau de direction en faveur de Frère Anthony O'Dwyer, qui est actuellement dans des circonstances difficiles dues à la longue et sérieuse maladie de son épouse, qui est maintenant invalide, et ce depuis les quatre dernières années. Après avoir consulté en vain tous les médecins locaux au prix de grands sacrifices d'argent il l'a menée à Stone Point il y a environ deux ans, et à Ste Anne de Beaupré cet été.

Elle a été sous les soins de docteurs à Toronto pendant cinq mois au coût de vingt dollars par semaine. Made O'Dwyer est maintenant entièrement privé de l'usage de ses membres, depuis trois mois, de sorte que son époux doit voir à lui faire prendre sa nourriture et lui donner tous autres soins comme à un enfant. Ils ont neuf petits enfants, incapables, le plus vieux âgé de dix ans et le plus jeune de deux ans.

Frère et Made. O'Dwyer n'ont pas de parents du sexe féminin, et comme il est impossible pour eux d'engager une garde malade, c'est dû à la bienveillance et à la charité de bons voisins que les enfants et la maison sont tenus dans une condition respectable. Il y a un an Frère O'Dwyer a donné avis à la succursale de son intention de se retirer de l'Association, étant incapable de payer ses cotisations. Nous l'avons persuadé de tenir bon, et que nous continuerions de le tenir en règle, ce que nous faisons déjà auparavant, et que nous faisons encore, malgré que nous ne sommes pas bien en état de le faire.

Frère O'Dwyer n'était pas déjà dans de bonnes circonstances précédemment à la maladie de son épouse, pour cause de diverses pertes et de troubles trop nombreux pour les mentionner en détail. En plus de ce que nous avons relaté du cas de Frère O'Dwyer, sa grange et d'autres bâtiments, y compris tous les produits de sa ferme avec les instruments aratoires et aussi les animaux, ont été totalement détruits par le feu il y a environ trois ans. Nous pourrions aussi mentionner qu'il fit une grosse perte de chevaux importés, deux de ces animaux de prix étant morts.

C'est pourquoi, connaissant son cas pour être un cas malheureux, avec une grande famille incapable, nous faisons appel à cette charité fraternelle et Chrétienne qui caractérise si bien la fraternité de notre noble association. Espérant sincèrement que cet appel en faveur de notre frère si tristement affligé rencontrera l'approbation de votre bureau de direction et que les membres y répondront de grand cœur et généreusement.

P. J. QUIGLEY, Président.
P. O'SHEA, Sec. Arch.

Toutes les contributions seront reçues avec reconnaissance par Frère Patrick O'Shea, Granton, Ont., et on en accusera réception dans Le Canadien.

L'appel qui précède est approuvé par le Curé de la paroisse.

Cher Monsieur et Frère,—Le Grand Président et le Bureau des Syndics ont décidé de permettre l'appel de votre succursale en faveur de Frère Anthony O'Dwyer.

S. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

Appels Letour, La France et O'Dwyer.

Les Succursales No. 38, 69 et 121, accusent réception de nouvelles contributions à leur appel respectif en faveur des trois frères plus haut mentionnés. La liste des succursales qui ont contribué à ces appels paraît dans la partie Anglaise.

Résolution de Condolance.

A une assemblée régulière des membres de la Succursale No. 108, Meunramcock, N. B., les résolutions suivantes ont été adoptées :
Attendu que les membres de cette succursale ont appris avec le plus vif regret la mort prématurée de Frère Ferdinand Bourgeois de la succursale No. 108, de Amherst, N. E.
Il est alors résolu que les membres de cette succursale expriment leurs plus tendres sympathies envers la famille du défunt dans la perte irréparable qu'elle vient de subir.
Il est de plus résolu que ces résolutions soient enregistrées dans nos minutes et que copies en soient envoyées à la famille éprouvée, et à notre organe officiel LE CANADIEN pour publication.

A une assemblée régulière de la succursale St. Alexandre No. 270 tenue le 1er Décembre, 1896, les résolutions qui suivent ont été adoptées à l'unanimité :
Proposé par Frère Victor A. Vézina, et secondé par Frère Pierre Dionne, que cette succursale offre ses sincères condoléances au Frère François Chénard, à l'occasion de la mort de son jeune enfant Joseph, ainsi qu'au Frère Elize Laforest, à l'occasion de la mort de sa petite fille Marie-Berthe Imelda.