

C. M. B. A.

Officers.

To the Members in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada:

Brothers—Notice is hereby given that the ninth convention of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada will be held in the city of St. John, New Brunswick, commencing on Tuesday, the 4th day of September, 1894, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Delegates must be present at the opening of, and at every session throughout the convention, otherwise they will not be considered duly qualified delegates. Circulars will be sent to delegates giving full information regarding railroad fares, hotels, etc.

Yours fraternally,
S. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.
London, Aug. 11, 1894.

Grand President Fraser has appointed Brother Charles Dupont Hebert, President of Branch 101, Three Rivers, and Grand Deputy for the Province of Quebec, a Trustee to replace Brother Lasalle Gravelle, who resigned recently.

No better choice could have been made, and Brother Fraser has shown his wisdom and his knowledge of the men of the Province by his selection of Brother Hebert as one of our most energetic workers and respected members in the organization.

The Grand Council.

Our brothers of the C. M. B. A. will be pleased to hear that the distinguished Archbishop of Halifax will preach the sermon at High Mass in the cathedral, St. John, N. B., on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The Treasurer's Bonds.

Toronto, August 13, 1894.

Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD—Dear Sir and Brother—In your issue of July 28 I noticed the communication in reference to the unsatisfactory business like way this part of our constitution is carried out. I have been anxiously looking for an answer, and your explanation is most satisfactory.

The suggestion by "my humble opinion," a slight improvement upon our present system, but it does not reach far enough; it does not cover the entire ground. It only touches the surface. What about the Financial Secretary? Would you still have him hunting around his branch for two brothers to become his security? Objections might be taken to the Financial Secretary being bound as firmly as our treasurer, as he is supposed at the close of each meeting to pay over to the treasurer all monies collected by him, and takes his (the treasurer's) receipt for the same.

But let us reason together and suppose a case. This is our meeting night. A debt is assessed to the branch, as is sometimes the case, \$100. The Financial Secretary has collected \$100 to \$150 at this time, and since our last meeting, he carries this money in his pocket until he runs across the treasurer. Accidents may happen to financial secretaries as well as treasurers. The constitution says the financial secretary, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give a bond with at least two approved sureties, to the Grand Council in an amount at least equal to the sum of \$5 for every member of the branch. The treasurer hands in an amount at least equal to the sum of \$5 for every member of the branch. A city branch of which your humble correspondent is a member has had more or less difficulties in this respect until the beginning of 1893, when the branch thought it time to adopt another method, which was done with gratifying results.

Our Financial Secretary and Treasurer are guaranteed in the London Guarantee Co., address, cor. King and Xaver streets, Toronto, for the sum of \$200 each, at the rate of 1%, costing the branch only the sum of \$5 per year, and I could not suggest a more effective, business-like, and safe method, and an easier way to solve the difficulty having for the sum of \$5 yearly, payable out of the branch funds, both our Financial Secretary and Treasurer secured against any possible loss that is likely to occur.

SECURED.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD—Dear Sir and Brother—Brother Kernahan does not appear to grasp the force of my objections to the present method of securing the bond of the Financial Secretary. The Constitution requires a bond from the Treasurer, with two sureties. If a branch has a Financial Secretary, the method in vogue in the large bulk of the branches is that of choosing bondsmen from among the members of the branch; and in case of failure of the treasurer to account for the funds, the probability is that the bondsmen will be the bondsmen from their ill-will.

Surely this is not an imaginary defect in the machinery of the branch; on the contrary, it is a living one, and should be remedied. The plan of paying a fee to a guarantee company, as suggested by the Financial Secretary, is excellent, and, if feasible for all the Treasurers, the system of taking sureties from among the members of the branch, as suggested by the Financial Secretary, will tell me how many Financial Secretaries or Boards of Trustees give bonds? Can Bro. Kernahan tell me how many Treasurers of branches give no bonds at all? The matter is a really important one, and should engage the attention of the Committee on Laws.

Delegates' Badges.

A large sale has already been made of the beautiful badges manufactured by T. P. Tansey, 14 Drummond street, Montreal. This badge can, also, be used by the members on all occasions whenever a C. M. B. A. demonstration takes place. It is silver-plated, and a pretty case accompanies it. The price, with case, is \$1 each.

Hazardous Risks.

Kinkora, 20th August, 1894.

Dear Sir—Will you kindly allow me space to offer our opinion on proposed changes in constitution re circular which we received some time ago from Branch 145, Toronto, and which has been carefully considered. Although the name of the members of our branch came under the class called hazardous risks, we give due credit to Branch 145 for their valuable suggestions, and compliment them on the trouble which they have taken in placing their proposed amendments before all the branches, which brought about discussions which were here, field and instructive. Nevertheless, we beg to differ from our worthy Brothers of Branch 145, as we claim it would be detrimental to the well-being of our association to discriminate between the more unfortunate who happen to occupy different positions in making a livelihood. It is our hearty wish to extend C. M. B. A. benefits alike to all true and worthy men, no matter what sphere in life they occupy, as in our opinion the C. M. B. A. was instituted as a fraternal association on equal terms.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the members of Branch 175, claim that it would be advisable to have a disability clause engraved in the constitution, that would ensure the payments of assessments in case of unfortunate members, in destitute circumstances, and also in the event of members in good standing, say fifteen or twenty years, who would be unable to work, and we have no doubt, would swell the ranks of the C. M. B. A. to an enormous extent.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 36, Port Lambton, the following resolution of condolence was moved by Wm. Hinegan, seconded by R. Cain, and unanimously adopted:

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Resolved that we, the members of Branch 36, Port Lambton, hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to our worthy Brothers and

their families in this their hour of trial. Resolved that this resolution be engraved on the minutes of the branch, and a copy of the same be presented to the families of our brother and also to the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication.

M. G. O'LEARY, Rec. Sec.
N. HALL, President.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 60, Dublin, held on Wednesday evening, Aug. 15, it was moved by Brother J. Dinnin, seconded by Brother P. Evans, that Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to his eternal reward, Mrs. Howard, mother of our worthy Brother, George Howard, at the age of seventy-two years, be it

Resolved that while submitting to the will of an All-Wise Providence, do tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Brother Howard and the other members of the family in their bereavement. Be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to Brother Howard, and one to the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication.

M. J. JORDAN, Rec. Sec.
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Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to his eternal reward Mrs. Gaffney, mother of our esteemed Brother, Timothy Gaffney, at the age of seventy-eight years, be it

Resolved that while bowing in humble submission to the divine will, we tender to the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. Be it further

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Immediately after the ceremony Father Doherty, S. J., addressed the multitude. The learned preacher referring to his text, which was: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, and I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth it shall be bound also in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose upon earth, shall be loosed also in heaven," pointed out its aptness, as suggested by the presence of such large numbers and the special object for which they were assembled. Continuing he brought out the full force of the meaning of the Divine Master's commission to Peter, and, through him, to his successors in the Pontificate. The intellectual impression of the Saviour's words upon those who were present, was a most powerful one, and, through him, to his successors in the Pontificate.

At the regular meeting of Branch 36, Port Lambton, the following resolution of condolence was moved by Wm. Hinegan, seconded by R. Cain, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His holy Providence, to remove from the world the respected mother of our worthy Brother, Miss Sweeney, and the father of our esteemed Brother John McGarrah, be it

Resolved that while submitting to the will of an All-Wise Providence, do tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Brother Howard and the other members of the family in their bereavement. Be it further

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the branch, or sent to each bereaved brother, and to the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication.

J. JORDAN, Rec. Sec.
Dublin, Aug. 15, 1894.

BISHOP McDONNELL IN CORNWALL.

The Corner-Stone of the New St. Columban's Church laid on Sunday last, when His Lordship the Right Rev. Alexander McDonnell, Bishop of Alexandria, solemnly blessed the corner-stone of what is to be the place of the old brick structure so long the place of worship of Cornwall Catholics. The work on the new church was commenced a few months ago, and has been vigorously pushed on, with the result that already almost the half of the masonry is laid; enough at any rate is completed to warrant the assumption that the new church will rank high among the most substantial churches of Canada.

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Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call to his eternal reward Mrs. Howard, mother of our worthy Brother, George Howard, at the age of seventy-two years, be it

Resolved that while submitting to the will of an All-Wise Providence, do tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Brother Howard and