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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our C. M. B. A. brothers.

NOTES.

In organizing Branch No. 288, at Dewneyville, Ont., Grand Deputy J. A. Gillogley was ably assisted by Brother S J. McDonald of Lindsay.

A member desiring to change the designation in his C. M. B. A., policy from his children to his wife, may do so without the consent of said children.

The installation of all officers (duly elected) of branches of the C. M. B. A. shall take place at the first regular meeting of the branch in January—See section 170 of the constitution.

The Recording Secretary of each branch is requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a list of the officers for the ensuing term as early possible. The Representative and Alternate to Grand Council Convention should be included in said list

A member whose policy is payable to his wife, may change the designation in said policy and make it payable to his wife and children in whatever proportion he wishes. In such a case it is not necessary to obtain the wife's sanction or assignment. The children are within the class called preferred beneficiaries.

A policy will not be issued by the C. M. B. A. to any new member who has not furnished a "Certificate of Birth" or a "Declaration of Age." Said certificate of birth or declaration of age must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the Branch Recording Secretary with the application for membership.

Blank forms for the "Annual Report" from Recording Secretary and for the "Statement to chairman of Grand Council Finance Committee" from Financial Secretaries, will be sent to each branch on or before Dec. 10th.

The attention of the Recording and the Financial Secretaries is called to Sections 71, 75, 169, 171 and 176 of constitution.

Protestants imagine that the clergy of the Catholic Church make the people go to confession to them in order to know all their secrets and so be able to rule them most thoroughly They do not know that we believe that confession is a sacrament instituted by our Divine Lord for all His followers, that all priests go to confession, that all Bishops go to confession, and that the Pope himself goes to confession regularly, once a week, to a simple priest. If they only knew the peace, the light and the grace that come through that sacrament, they would be eager to receive it themselves —Catholic Columbian.

The consecration of Cardinal Manning's life to total abstinence came, it is said, from a brief conversation with a London dock laborer "Take the total abstinence pledge," said the prelate in paternal counselling to the laborer, "you need it." "Have you it, yourself, Father?" replied the laborer with filial liberty. "Why do you not need it, too?" Quickly Manning said, "I do need it, and I take it." "Then I, also take it," said the laborer. Explaining later his words, the Cardinal said, "I needed the pledge, strong as I might have thought myself against temptation, in order to speak convincing words to the poor and the weak." The holiest and purest of motives led Cardinal Manning to the practice of total abstinence.—Sacred Heart Review.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE C. M. B A.

On Monday evening, 25th Oct., '97 Rev. Father Kehoe of Drayton gave a lecture in St. Peter's church on the prudence and necessity of becoming members of insurance societies. The speaker maintained that it was the duty of every man to provide for his family, for those dependent upon him, and he knew of no more effective means of keeping the family together and above want in the event of their being suddenly bereft of their provider, than by his having a couple of thousand dollar on his life. Many practical illustrations were used by the lecturer and logical conclusions drawn and persuasive arguments advanced to convince the audience of the wisdom of taking this precaution. He very strongly recommended every man both young and middle aged old men will not be admitted to become members of the C. M. B. A. without delay. Rev. Dean O'Connell of Mt. Forest also addressed the audience on this topic and he too was in favor of society insurance and would recommend the C. M. B. A. for many reasons, the principle of which were its cheapness and the benevolence that exists among its members It was cheaper he argued than any other form of insurance—this was occasioned from the fact of there being no high salaried officials to be maintained in the society. A pleasant and instructive evening was spent and the Ayton branch of the C. M. B A. may look forward to receiving new members shortly in consequence of the able manner in which the merits of their society were discussed by the lecturers.

THE FILLION APPEAL.

Branch No. 193 St Jean Baptiste, Man. Nov. 27, 1897.

Samuel R. Brown, Esq., Grand Secretary, London, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother—Herewith we send you copy of a resolution passed by our branch thanking those which have kindly answered the appeal we made on behalf of our brother Zenon Fillion Enclosed you will find list of moneys received since the publication of our last statement. If the branches which have not yet answered our appeal, would feel disposed to do something for our brother, we would be pleased to thank them for so doing, and add their names to the list of those which have answered; and we would remember them if they ever come in need of an appeal in behalf of some afflicted brother.

Hoping, sir, that you will kindly publish these papers as well as this letter, we have the honor to be

Yours fraternally,
J D Fillion, P. P., President.
Joseph Baril, Rec Sec

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Moved by Brother Euclide Desautels, Treasurer, seconded by Brother Joseph B Dapas, Financial Secretary, and unanimously resolved:

That a vote of thanks be adopted to the address of the branches which have kindly answered our appeal in behalf of Brother Zenon Fillion and that a copy of same be forwarded to THE CANADIAN for publication.

STATEMENT

Amount previously reported	[illegible]
Br [illegible] Kempt[illegible] Ont	[illegible]
[illegible] Charlottetown P E I	[illegible]
[illegible] Winnipeg, Man	[illegible]
[illegible] Windsor Ont	[illegible]
[illegible] Joliette Que	[illegible]
[illegible] Albert[illegible] N B	[illegible]
[illegible] Tracadie N B	[illegible]
[illegible] Fox Creek, N S	[illegible]
213. Fredericton N B	[illegible]
[illegible] Yarmouth N S	[illegible]
[illegible] Halifax N S	[illegible]
Total.....	[illegible]

APPEAL.

Branch [illegible] C M B A, Nicolet, Quebec

To the Grand President, Grand Secretary, Officers and Members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.

Brothers - It is with a deep feeling of Christian charity and fraternal duty that we, the officers and members of this branch, are compelled to appeal to the branches of the association through your kind intermediate in behalf of brother Z A Langlois who is at present in the most lamentable circumstances Brother Langlois has a family of ten children His wife is unable to work on account of her poor state of health, and one of his children suffers from a serious illness. He has only his work to depend upon to support said family, and he has been out of employment for the past three and one half months He is in very great distress, and this, on the coming of winter, he will have no means to support his family if we do not come to his aid He has done all in his power to get out of this painful situation, but up to the present he has not succeeded He hopes, and we, members of the same branch, hope with him, that the Christian fraternity which characterizes our good association, will show itself as ever, in aid of so just a cause, and that the painful trial of this brother, a prey of despair, will reach the heart of a great many of the brothers who will consider it their duty to give him assistance

Trusting that our appeal in behalf of brother Z A Langlois will receive the approval of your Board, we remain your brothers in the C M B A

Wilfrid Cam[illegible] Pres
J E B[illegible] Rec Sec
Nicolet, [illegible]

London, Ont., Nov, 1897

J E Bel[illegible], Esq., Rec Sec Br 161, C. M B A

Dear Sir and Brother The appeal of your branch in behalf of brother Z A Langlois is allowed by the Grand President and Board of Trustees

Yours fraternally,
Sam R Brown Grand Sec

HONOR ROLL.

Branch No 17, Belle River, Ont heads the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations during the month of October, having initiated ten members