

The CANADIAN



PUBLISHED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE C. M. B. A. OF CANADA

VOL. 3.

LONDON, ONTARIO, SEPTEMBER, 1897.

No. 9

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

Official Notice of a Special Assessment.

Notice is hereby given to each and every member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada that in addition to the regular No. 11 assessment for the month of September, 1897, a special assessment is also required to be paid within thirty days from the 15th September, in the same manner and of the same amount as said No. 11 assessment. This, in connection with the statement on page four of this issue, will be the only notice of such special assessment to our members, and is given in compliance with Sections 7 and 8 of the C. M. B. A. constitution.

Officers of branches are requested to be as prompt as possible in remitting the amount of these two assessments.

It requires twenty-two thousand dollars to pay the beneficiaries of the twelve deceased brothers reported on the statement of assessments for this month.

SAM. R. BROWN,
Grand Secretary.

London, Ont., Sept. 1, 1897.

NOTES.

Charity is never lost. It may be of no service to those it is bestowed on, yet, it ever does a work of beauty and grace upon the heart of the giver.

A lady remarked when she saw a large number of lawyers gathering to dedicate a new court house, "I presume they have come to view the place where they will shortly lie."

In future, Branch 85, Toronto, Ont., will hold regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, instead of the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, as heretofore.

Brother Jas. A. Gillogley, of Branch No. 77, Lindsay, Ont., has been appointed by Grand President Hon. M. F. Hackett, a Grand Deputy for the Counties of Durham and Victoria, instead of Dr. Lynch, deceased.

Keble says: "When you find yourself overpowered, as it were, by melancholy, the best way is to go out and do something kind to somebody."

Yes, go and join the C. M. B. A., and you will be doing a kindness to yourself and family.

To pay the beneficiaries of the deceased members whose death notices appeared in the January assessment statement, required \$22,000; February, \$22,000; March, \$12,000; April, \$15,000; May, \$16,000; June, \$22,000; July, \$17,000; August, \$13,000

Procure membership in the C. M. B. A. while you are eligible. The knowledge that you have endeavored to shield from destitution your wife and children, or those depending upon you, will modify your anxieties and apprehensions during life and help to divest death of one of its sharpest pangs.

Assessments are sure to come, but "they should be paid with the remembrance that they go to relieve the wants of those dear to a fellow member, as we know such assessments will some day be paid to assist our own loved ones when we leave them. . . . The man or woman who belongs to no fraternal association is not in accord with the spirit of the times, for such societies unite the hearts of the people, regardless of conditions of life."—Governor Brackett.

"Life insurance is not a speculation, yet there are many all around us who ought to take out policies at once, in deference not merely to the security and comfort of their loved ones, but to their own peace of mind as well. They cannot afford to live in constant dread of the hazards and privations to which their untimely decease would expose those dearer to them than life itself." Take a policy in the C. M. B. A. and you will thus discharge part of your duty to yourself and family.

"Life is the most precious of human possessions, the most indispensable element of a business career, which is inevitably final; and death strikes where

ever he will, often sparing the decrepit and debilitated to smite the strong and vigorous in early manhood, and closing the eyes that so lately were keenest and brightest in that sleep that knows no earthly waking."

Join the C. M. B. A. and thus leave some provision for your family, when it is God's will to call you.

If you say you love your family prove it at once by seeking admission to the C. M. B. A. the best of beneficiary Societies, and therefore demonstrate your love for them and also secure to them absolute protection, which they may, possibly, so sadly need in the future. Delays are dangerous; do not hesitate, but grasp the golden opportunity, ere it shall be too late, thereby filling your mind and heart with vain regrets when you remember what might have been had you but done your duty.

Protection to one's family should come first and accumulations that depend upon chances second. The duty of a husband is to make certain that should he die during the early years of his productive or accumulative period, his wife and family would be provided for.

Are you a member? Have you made provision for those who are near and dear to you, in case you should be suddenly taken away? With your death your income ceases, and want and suffering may reach those you have protected during your life. Your obligation to them demands you should make provision for their comfort at once.

The late Archbishop of Montreal died poor. He gave away all he possessed in charity. Simple and self-denying in life, he requested that his obsequies should be devoid of all funeral pomp. Prayers not flowers, were what he desired. And, accordingly, the touching fact is recorded that, remembering the departed prelate's great charity to others, thousands of his bereaved flock instead of placing wreaths upon his coffin, deposited there an offering for a Mass for his soul's repose. This is a lesson that might be copied with profit to the departed in other lands besides Canada.—Buffalo Catholic Union and Times.

Members of fraternal orders should never forget they have two ears and only one tongue, therefore they should hear twice as much as they speak, particularly out of the branch meeting room. He who has learned this is the one to be advanced to high honors. He sees everything, hears everything and betrays nothing—Plank and Platform

Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor statistics, is a Protestant, and was not always kindly disposed toward the Catholic Church. However, he has seen new light. In speaking of the danger that must come from men who have no faith in God or in His revealed truth, he said:

"The day is not far distant when this country will have to thank the Catholic Church for the stand she has taken in the education of her people and the influence she wields over them. She will be the only barrier to stand against socialism, nihilism and revolution."

In the course of an article in "Muncey's" Dr. Wright wrote:

"I used to feel that it was mere idolatry or absence of refined feeling that led the Spanish or Italian peasant to kneel before the image of the Virgin Mother. A deeper appreciation of the aspirations of the human soul has removed that feeling from my mind.

The peasants can realize and bring into his own heart the whole idea of the Mother when he could not, even with the atheism of religious devotion, reach the God of the theologians. It has been through the innumerable representations of the Madonna that religion has received in many lands its most stimulating influence."

These are significant admissions from a man of the standing of Dr. Wright.

HONOR ROLL.

Branch No. 231, Plantagenet, Ont., heads the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations during the month of July, having initiated sixteen members.

Branch No. 71, Trenton, Ont., comes next in order, having initiated nine members.

Branch No. 12, Berlin, Ont., initiated five members.

We are quick enough perceiving and weighing what we suffer from others, but we mind not what others suffer from us.—The Imitation.