

officers of branches. Impress upon them the necessity of dealing promptly with the Grand Secretary in remitting assessment and general fund monies, and forwarding applications for membership with blanks properly filled in as soon as possible after initiation. If branches are negligent in the discharge of their duties towards the head office, how can they expect the Grand Secretary to conduct the business with that efficiency which we so much desire should characterize the C. M. B. A. of Canada?

7. Have an order drawn on the Treasurer of the branch for \$25.00, and forward said order and amount, the applications for membership and your report to the Grand Secretary without delay.

The necessary expenses of Grand Deputies when instituting branches are paid by the Grand Council.

After the branch has been instituted and the Grand Secretary has received a list of the officers and charter members, he will make out the charter for the branch and forward it to the Recording Secretary.

The welfare of a branch depends in a great measure upon its first officers, and the way in which they discharge their duties.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION.

At a meeting of C. M. B. A. Branch No. 13, held in Stratford recently, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"Moved by Mr. James Markey and seconded by Mr. James O'Loane, that the members of Branch No. 13 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association beg to tender to their Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D. D., their heartiest congratulations on the happy consummation of the 25th anniversary of his advent to this city and taking charge of the Stratford mission, where he has so ably and satisfactorily administered the onerous affairs of the parish, and discharged his many varied duties with tenderness and fatherly love.

"We are sensible, too, of the fact that in the reverend doctor this branch has always had a spiritual adviser whose good judgment and sympathy have done much for its success and well being. And we humbly beg God to bless him with health and spare him long to guide and direct us in the future, as he has so ably done in the past. Resolved that a copy hereof be transmitted to the reverend doctor."

This resolution, which is signed on behalf of Branch No. 13, by J. J. Coughlin, President, and E. J. Knell, Secretary, has been handsomely written by the Secretary and forwarded to Rev. Dr. Kilroy.

CORONATION OATH.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 248, New Glasgow, N. S., the following resolution was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted:

Whereas the Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa consider the present time opportune for a consideration of the coronation oath of the British Sovereign, certain clauses of which are a standing insult to the Catholic subjects of the empire, and

Whereas such an oath can serve no good purpose, but tends rather to degrade the person of the sovereign and infringe their rights:

Resolved that Branch No. 248, New Glasgow, N. S., enter their most emphatic protest against this oath, and express their full sympathy with and approval of the action of the Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa.

Further resolved that a copy of this resolution be handed to the local press for publication and forwarded to the representatives of Pictou county in the Federal Parliament.

JOHN CONNOLLY, Pres.

WM. E. MCCARRAN, Rec. Sec.

We, the members of Branch No. 5, C. M. B. A., Brantford, Ont., as loyal subjects of the British empire, desire to express our regret that there should be required of the sovereign of the British Dominions at coronation a declaration against Transubstantiation, by which the Sacrifice of the Mass and other doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church are stigmatized as superstitious and idolatrous.

That we earnestly hope that the spirit of fairness and toleration, which, within the reign of Queen Victoria and the two preceding sovereigns, removed this declaration from the statute books, so far as members of Parliament, peers of the realm and office holders are concerned, will, at the request of humble but dutiful subjects of the empire, cause it to be repealed in so far as it relates to the sovereign of the empire.

That we believe the removal of this objectionable declaration would enable the Roman Catholics of the empire to enter with more profound feelings of loyal affection into the spirit of a ceremony which should be the occasion of nothing but mutual esteem and good will on the part of both sovereign and subjects. (Signed),

WM. CONERFORD,
ED. J. CARLIN.

Whereas it has been brought to our notice that in the coronation oath taken by the British sovereign there are expressions, declarations and insinuations injurious and insulting to the Roman Catholic subjects of the crown.

Whereas it is matter of record that the Roman Catholic subjects of the empire are equal to any in loyalty to the British sovereign and British institutions, as witness their presence in the most exalted offices of public trust, both in England and the colonies.

Whereas, this being the case, the said Roman Catholic subjects of the empire naturally and reasonably chafe at hearing their most cherished doctrines branded on the most public and solemn occasion, as superstitious and idolatrous, and themselves, by implication, discriminated against among the peoples of many races, lands and creeds who make up our mighty empire.

Therefore, resolved that we, the members of Branch 249 of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, do express our strong disapproval of and enter our solemn protest against the further retention in the coronation oath of those expressions that touch upon the religious faith of Catholics, the said expressions being false, insulting to the faith and the person of Catholics throughout the world, and calculated to breed political and religious strife.

And further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to THE CANADIAN, Amherst News and the member of Parliament for this county.

PETER MURPHY, Rec. Sec.

Joggins Mines, N. S., June 15, 1899.

GRAND ORGANIZER W. P. KILLACKEY AT BARRIE.

On Monday evening, June 6th, a very pleasant time was spent in the C. M. B. A. hall, 1 Union street, the occasion being another visit from Mr. W. P. Killackey, Grand Organizer for Ontario. The attendance was not as large as was expected, owing to the very hot weather. Previous to the lecture by Mr. Killackey a short programme was given as follows.

1. Quartette—"Just as the Sun Went Down" by the Misses Ryan, Graham and Mahoney.
2. Duets—"Garden of Flowers" by Messrs. Hart and McDonald.
3. Solo—"The Poor Irish Minister" by Miss Graham.
4. Duets—"Life's Dream is Over" by Messrs. Hart and McDonald.
5. Quartette—"The Band" by the Misses Ryan, Graham and Mahoney.

Our genial young President, Mr. William Crossland, acted as chairman, and, on introducing Mr. Killackey, who he had the pleasure of meeting before, paid a well-merited tribute, which was more than verified before Mr. Killackey had been speaking long. In very eloquent language the speaker pointed out to the audience that the C. M. B. A. was an organization for the teaching of the great virtues of piety, integrity and frugality, also for the raising up of Catholic manhood and a powerful assistant to the Church. Coming to the business part of the C. M. B. A., he drew particular attention to the low cost of management—something less than 5 per cent.—the small number of lapses, the reserve fund, and its grand success from its inception. A cordial vote of thanks was moved by the Very Rev. Dean Egan to Bro. Killackey for his very eloquent and instructive address. The meeting then came to a close by the singing of God Save the Queen.

NEW BRANCHES.

Branch No. 309 was instituted on June 9th, 1899, at Chesterville, Ont., by Provincial Organizer W. P. Killackey.

The following is the list of officers:

- Spiritual Adviser, Rev. John S. Quinn, P. P. Chancellor, pro tem, Thos. McMahon. President, F. McCloskey. First Vice-President, Thos. Flynn. Second Vice-President, P. J. Kirby. Recording Secretary, J. T. Kearns. Assistant Secretary, Paul Charlebois. Financial Secretary, F. Dwyer. Treasurer, Thos. McMahon. Marshal, J. P. Burns. Guard, Jas. J. Barry. Trustees, P. D. Grady, John McAvoy, D. M. McDonald, Ed. Gibbons and P. Heveran.

This branch starts with fifteen new members, and under its capable and zealous officers promises to become a great success. Already twelve others have expressed their intention to join the branch immediately.

Father Quinn expressed himself as much pleased with the formation of the branch. At the close of the instruction meeting held Bro. Killackey was heartily thanked for his successful efforts in starting the branch.

Branch No. 310 was instituted on June 13, 1899, at Bate St. Paul, Que., by Provincial Organizer J. E. H. Howison. The following is the list of officers:

- Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Ambrose Fafard, P. P. President, Pierre D'Auteuil, M. P. P. First Vice-President, J. H. Simard (district magistrate). Second Vice-President, G. Eug. Gaillette, M. D. Recording Secretary, J. Onésime Para, S. P. Assistant Secretary, A. Maurille Bouchard. Financial Secretary, A. M. Bouchard. Treasurer, Alfred Simard, Jr., M. D. Marshal, George Amodee Gagnon. Guard, Eliezer Dallaire. Trustees, Frs. X. Gagnon, J. O. Parré, G. A. Gagnon, Eliezer Dallaire, J. H. Simard.

Branch 311 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was instituted by Bro. Killackey at Phippsburg, Ont., on Tuesday, 20th June, with sixteen members.

The officers are:

- Spiritual Adviser, Rev. M. I. Gaurin P. P. Chancellor, Rev. Jas. Sheridan. President, Michael Coughlin. First Vice-President, James J. Lavery. Second Vice-President, John Kennedy. Recording Secretary, P. J. Neill. Assistant Rec. Secretary, Jos. Loftus. Financial Secretary, John H. Hall. Treasurer, Rev. Jas. Sheridan. Marshal, Bernard McCarren. Guard, Henry Loftus. Trustees, Ed. Haver, John Doyle, W. J. Dunn, John Mahoney and Jos. Loftus.

The regular meetings of this branch will be held on 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

The President, Bro. Coughlin, is one of the most popular and progressive of the municipal councillors of the township of Flos.

Branch 312 was organized on June 29th at Rogersville, New Brunswick, by Grand Organizer B. J. Johnson. The following is the list of officers:

- Spiritual Adviser, Rev. M. F. Richard. President, Abram Pineau. First Vice-President, Pierre F. Gallant. Second Vice-President, Edward Haudreau. Recording Secretary, John Sullivan. Assistant Secretary, John Duggan. Financial Secretary, Fidel Richard. Treasurer, Fred. A. Cormier. Marshal, Joseph Fournier. Guard, Alaine Richard. Trustees, Joseph Fournier, Earnest Richard, John Duggan, Jos. A. Richard and Edward Haudreau.

God is a shower to the heart burned up with grief; God is a sun to the face deluged with tears.

The more holy violence thou usest against thyself the greater shall be thy spiritual profiting.

PUT IT IN WRITING.

How many people are living in poverty or wretchedness, because they did not take the precaution to "put it in writing!" It does not matter that you have perfect confidence in the person with whom you are dealing. It is not always a question of confidence; it is a question of business, and the way to do business is in a business way. It takes but a short time to put a business proposition in writing, and often saves annoyances, lawsuits, bickerings, misunderstandings, and the making of enemies of good friends. People do not always understand a business transaction in the same way, but when put in writing there is very little chance for dispute.

Always do business on business principles, no matter with whom you are dealing; whether with relative, friend, or stranger. It avoids disputes, losses, very unpleasant experiences, and often the straining, if not breaking, of friendship.

By this advice to put all business propositions of any importance in writing, I do not by any means endorse the maxims which are floating in the world, such as, "Keep your eyes peeled," "Look out for number one," "Have your eye teeth cut," "Take care of yourself," etc. These are dangerous maxims. Do not start out in life with the idea that you must deal with people as if they were rascals.

What I wish to emphasize is the fact that, by taking a little pains when the terms of a contract are fresh in mind, serious trouble may be avoided. Parties with whom you deal will think all the more of you for being thus business like. It is good practice to learn to write contracts out. In this way one learns to be systematic, careful, painstaking, accurate.—Business.