

lished and that the Grand Secretary notify each Organizer at present engaged that his work as organizer shall cease at the expiration of the present term. Carried.

Moved by Bro Behan seconded by Bro. Chisholm that the Grand Council give a bounty of \$1.00 to each Branch for each new member brought in from and after the expiration of the term of the present Organizers in each Province, and where there are no organizers then from and after the 1st of January. The said bounty to be given when an account for same signed by the President and the Recording Secretary of the Branch is sent to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Secretary is to furnish blank forms of said accounts to Branches applying for same. Carried.

This new system goes into force in Ontario on March 1st. In Quebec Province on February 1st. In Nova Scotia on March 1st. In New Brunswick on March 1st. Prince Edward Island, February 1st. Manitoba, February 1st. North West Territories, February 1st.

A general discussion took place as to the advisability of recommending some central place for holding Conventions instead of at different places, as at present. No definite action was taken.

An appeal from Branch No. 21 Toronto, Ont., on behalf of one of its members was read.

The Board decided that it had not sufficient information to warrant its allowing said appeal to go to the branches, and instructed the Secretary to write to the Branch for further information, and when such is received to send a copy of same to each of the members of the Board. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Rooney, seconded by Bro. Chisholm, that the next meeting of this Board be held in Berlin, Ont., in August or early in September next. Carried.

Solicitor Latchford reported regarding the case of the late Telesphore Savole, formerly a member of Branch 276 Tracadie, N. B. The Board decided to leave the matter in the solicitor's hands.

Moved, seconded and carried, that J. E. H. Howison be continued in the employ of this Association in clerical or such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Secretary, and that he is to be subject to the instructions and orders and under the direction of said officer.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had on hand a large quantity of policies in French with the year 1900 on them, and asked the Board if he should continue using said policies. It was decided to use them, the year being changed without at all altering the policy.

Attention was called to the complaints from members not receiving THE CANADIAN regularly. The Grand Secretary was instructed to send all such complaints to the publisher, Bro. Coffey, and have him make a thorough investigation into such complaints, as the making is done by him.

A member changing his address should immediately notify the Grand Secretary and the Recording Secretary of his Branch such notice.

Moved by Bro. Chisholm seconded by Bro. Coffey, that we do now adjourn to meet at the call of the Grand President. Carried.

Effort so to live that when you die even the undertaker will be sorry — Anon.

It was correspondence to grace which was Mary's grandest grace — Faber.

PRESENTATION TO RIGHT REV. DR. BARRY.

The reception Thursday evening to Bishop-elect Barry by the Bathurst branch of the C M B A was a decided success. Those who had the good fortune to be present at this reception will not so forget the pleasant evening spent with the members of the C M B A in entertaining their Spiritual Director, Dr. Barry.

The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, hanging pictures, etc., the work of Messrs P. J. Venlot and Francis J. Melanson. Over the president's chair was the C M B A banner, to the right of which was a picture of His Holiness Leo XIII. and to the left that of Bishop Rogers, both these pictures being handsomely draped with purple. Over the entrance to the stage was the motto "Ad Multos Annos," the rear being draped with the British ensign.

The hall was crowded when the Bishop elect, accompanied by Rev. Father Varrily, pastor of Bathurst Village, and Rev. Father Purcell, His Lordship's assistant, entered.

His Lordship and party proceeded to the platform, amid the strains of a march. They were received by First Vice-President P. J. Venlot and conducted to seats assigned them on the stage. The First Vice-President opened the meeting by expressing the regret of all the members for the unavoidable absence through illness of our worthy president, Bro P. J. Burns. It was all the more regrettable from the fact that Bro Burns, who is one of the charter members, was also a very intimate friend of the person in whose honor we had assembled. He next welcomed all present to the C M B A hall to be participants in the rejoicings which animated Branch 130 at the elevation of its Spiritual Director to such a dignified position in the government of the Church.

The choir, ably led by Bro J. J. Harrington, with Miss Emma Power as organist, and assisted by several ladies of the Sacred Heart choir and Bros. Lavalles and J. Melanson, then sang "Vivat Pastor Bonus," immediately after which Bro E. L. O'Brien, Second Vice President, read the following address:

To the Right Reverend Thomas F. Barry, D. D., Bishop elect of Thuzga and Coadjutor Bishop-elect of Chatham.

My Lord—We, the members of Branch No. 130 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, beg to offer you our sincere congratulations on your elevation to the high and holy office of Bishop.

Your long period of faithful service in the holy priesthood, your zeal and energy in the advancement of the interest of Mother Church and your constant solicitude for all that appertained to the exaltation of religion, have, in times past, caused those who have watched your priestly career, to hope that the laborer would one day receive the reward of his unflinching toil, that your self-sacrificing devotion to the interests of the Church and your faithful vigilance over the flock committed to your care would receive that recognition which is due to your continuous endeavor and as the reward of duty well performed. That time has now arrived. It has pleased our holy Father, Pope Leo the Thirteenth, to place you among the Hierarchy as Bishop of Thuzga and Coadjutor to our venerable and venerated Bishop Dr. Rogers. The honor conferred upon you is one that fills us with joy and gratitude, but lips cannot give adequate expression to our sentiments of satisfaction at this signal proof of estimation in which our beloved pastor is held. This dignity is one that by its nature casts a radiance on this parish, over which you have so successfully presided, and in a more particular manner on this branch of which you are the Spiritual Adviser, and which established under your patronage, is the banner of such of the Maritime Provinces.

Years ago, My Lord, the Venerable Ordinary of this diocese saw capability and administrative qualities and in appointing his Vicar General chose one who has proved

himself an able auxiliary in the management of diocesan affairs. We, ourselves, have been witnesses of your progressive ideas in parochial affairs. A glance at those stately granite structures, the church of the Sacred Heart, the presbytery and the school-house, affords ample evidence of your untiring energy since your advent into this parish, while the affectionate regard in which you are held by the members of your congregation attests that you have indeed been to them a faithful shepherd.

We thank you, My Lord, for all that your fatherly care has done for us, and repeating our congratulations, pray God to grant you a long and happy life in the exalted position which Mother Church has called you to.

Though we cannot be with you on the day of consecration, we shall follow you in spirit and as an evidence of our regard we beg you to accept the accompanying Cape and request you to wear it on that occasion.

We are, Right Reverend Sir, your devoted children in Christ.

The C. M. B. A.

The address was beautifully illuminated.

On rising to reply to the address His Lordship referred to a resolution of congratulations recently passed by the C. M. B. A. at a regular meeting a copy of which appears below. In that resolution, said His Lordship, you express the hope that I may long be spared to continue "the good work begun and so well carried on by Dr. Rogers." I thank you for this kindly wish, but while I am willing to do my utmost to follow in the footsteps of my venerated Bishop, I feel that you expect too much of me. The work that the venerable Ordinary of this diocese has been able to accomplish since he became Bishop has been of a herculean nature. His success in the administration of diocesan affairs has been due to his marked ability and strict devotion to duty. I doubt very much if in Canada there is to be found a Bishop, who, under similar circumstances, and having the same difficulties to contend with, has been able to accomplish so much for the good of religion and glory of God. I have not, continued His Lordship, the same difficulties to contend with as had Dr. Rogers when taking charge of the diocese in its infancy. He had the ship to build and so well did he construct her and guide her over the troubled sea of her youth that now in her maturer age the task of navigating her will be a light one.

Dr. Barry next referred to the address, thanked the members of the C. M. B. A. for the kind wishes therein expressed and also thanked them for the very handsome gift which accompanied the address. His Lordship in the course of his remarks spoke in high praise of the attainments of the youthful Bishop elect of St. John and wished that like him he had youth upon his side, which would be of great aid to him in the responsible position to which he had been called. In closing his remarks Dr. Barry said it gave him much pleasure to see the C. M. B. A. prosper. He regretted not being able to attend the meetings more regularly, but he was pleased to see that lately Rev. Father Purcell, his assistant, had joined the association and under his direction he was sure the society would continue to prosper.

The President next called on Rev. Father Varrily, who said that though not a member of the C. M. B. A. he had its advancement at heart and was pleased to see so many of his own parishioners members of Branch 130, which to-night was honoring its Spiritual Adviser, Bishop elect Barry. Your address, said he, spoke of the honor attached to the elevation of Dr. Barry to the episcopate. While it is an honor, permit me to supplement the address by adding that it is an "onus," an additional burden added to the responsibilities already resting upon his shoulders,

which I know will be lightened by the knowledge of the fact that he possesses the good will of all classes in the diocese.

Rev. Father Purcell was next called upon and said that as a member of the C. M. B. A., he was glad to see one of its number raised to the episcopate, but was particularly pleased to see the Spiritual Adviser of the branch to which he belonged the person so honored.

He referred to the responsibilities attached to the office of Bishop and said that it was not enough to wish Dr. Barry well, but that we should pray that God might grant him all the graces necessary for the performance of the duties of his exalted office. In conclusion, Father Purcell made a strong appeal to non members present to join the C. M. B. A., not so much for the insurance as for the good done for religion by such an organization. He referred to the pastoral letter of His Lordship Bishop McDonald, of Charlottetown, touching societies in which he strongly recommends the C. M. B. A., and he hoped they would read that letter and follow the advice given therein.

The choir then rendered in a really beautiful manner "God Bless Our Pope," after which the President made a few remarks and the meeting dispersed by singing God Save the Queen.

Following is the resolution above referred to:

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 130 C. M. B. A., held on Tuesday, January 2nd, 1900, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Bro. P. J. Venlot, seconded by Bro. E. L. O'Brien, that the members of Branch 130 hereby tender to the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, Spiritual Adviser of this branch, their sincere congratulations on his appointment as Bishop of Thuzga and Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Chatham, and pray that he may long be spared to continue the good work commenced and so well carried on in Northern New Brunswick by the Right Rev. Dr. Rogers, the venerable Ordinary of this Diocese.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, inserted in THE CANADIAN and spread on the minutes of the meeting.

QUESTION BOX.

Summerdale, P. E. I., Jan. 31, 1900.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN, London, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother—For the information of members of the C. M. B. A., will our C. M. B. A. Solicitor kindly answer through the columns of THE CANADIAN the following questions:

1st. Can a member in good standing change his Policy in favor of another or others without first getting the consent of these beneficiaries already named in his Policy.

2nd. Can a member away from home and out of reach of his Policy, having suddenly taken ill or overtaken by accident but still in sound mind make a will changing his Policy in favor of some other party or parties other than those already named in the Policy, this being the last will and testament of the member?

3rd. Does the same law governing the C. M. B. A. apply to all the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada alike?

By answering the above questions you will greatly oblige,  
Yours fraternally,

D. J. MCKINSON, Captain.