

A PLEASANT EVENING.

Hall at, April 27, 1895. S. R. Brown, Dear Sir and Brother: Enclosed please find clipping from evening Mail of April 25: The "At Home" given by Branches 132 and 160, C. M. B. A., in their rooms, on Wednesday evening last, was a very pleasant affair, and was much enjoyed by those present. No one but members and their lady friends were admitted. There was about one hundred and forty present. Messrs. P. J. O'Keefe, of St. John, P. O'Rourke, of Montreal, and Mr. Malloway, of Quebec, all members of the association, were present as guests. Dancing was kept up until 1 p.m., music being furnished by Messrs. Kilday and Vaughan. Supper was served at 10 p.m. The hall was opened by Ald. Elect Butler, first vice-president of Branch 132, who danced with Mrs. W. R. Powell. Late in the evening there was an intermission, during which Miss Egan, daughter of Col. Egan, played a piano solo, and W. Buckley sang a song. J. D. O'Donnell was floor director, assisted by W. J. Power and W. Phelan. Messrs. Clancey, P. Connolly, Fultz and R. Power looked after the guests in the supper room. Mr. Carr received the guests. The janitress of the building very kindly placed her apartments at the disposal of the committee. You will see that the C. M. B. A. boys down by the sea "are up and doing." This is the second "At Home" we have had this season. The two Branches, 132 and 160, have rooms together—132 meeting 1st and 3rd Tuesday and 160 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We are very nicely situated. We have a managing committee of three from each branch—Bro. Carr, of Branch 160, Chairman; Bro. Phelan, of 132, Sec.-Treasurer. The other members of the committee are Past Chancellor Bro. Cragg and Chancellor Bro. Power, of 132, and Brothers Clancey and Fultz, of 160. This committee is called the "Board of Management." We are now arranging for a grand picnic, to be held at Donaldson's grounds, Birch Cove, on June 21st, Natal Day of Halifax, when we hope the brothers from the provinces will patronize us. Yours fraternally, W. J. PITTETAN, Sec. Treas., Board of Management.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Amherst, N. S., May 7, 1895. Editor CANADIAN: Dear Sir and Brother—At the last meeting of our Branch I was instructed to write you and ask you to publish the insurance laws of the different provinces in our official organ, THE CANADIAN, for the information of our members and also for intending applicants. Applicants for membership often make their beneficiary payable to wife and children, which we understand is not altogether in accordance with the laws of our Province; hence we ask for the above information. Yours fraternally, WM. CONNELL, Rec. Sec.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN: Sir—The pleasing feature of the regular meeting of Branch No. 19, held in their hall last Monday evening, was the first visit of Father Connolly to the branch since his taking charge of the parish. He was escorted to the hall by Bro. John Frezello, and, after being introduced to all the members, Bro. James Enright in a few well-chosen words, welcomed him. His remarks were substantially as follows: "Father Connolly: The pleasing privilege devolves upon me to-night to welcome you in the name of the branch to this hall and to say to you that we are pleased and delighted that you have honored us with your presence here to-night, and also to say to you that we are glad that the great blank made void by the death of our late beloved pastor, Father Molphy, has been filled. It is only a few days ago that we removed from our charter the badge of mourning placed there at his death. It was, I may say, with much reluctance we removed it, as by so doing it seemed to take away from our sight all trace of that kindly face we loved so well. It is needless for me to tell you how much we loved him, how proud we were of him, as we well knew the

great influence he always wielded both at home and abroad, and at the meetings of the Grand Council of our Association, where some of the brightest minds in the Dominion are gathered. We knew that he presided there with a master mind. His name shall never fade from our memory.

"And now, in turning to yourself, Father Connolly, I would say that we are pleased to observe that you are not only willing, but both able and competent to do many things for us, and as the days go on we are learning to love and appreciate you more and more; and we sincerely trust that you will find time to honor us with your presence here as often as you can. I can assure you that you will always find us obedient and willing to assist you in every way possible, and it will always be a great pleasure for us to do so.

"We are, it is true, passing through trying times, waves of intolerance are epidemic, and a great deal depends upon the priest, with the co-operation of his people, to smooth and calm the troubled waters. The priest's personality has a wonderful influence. The great Archbishop of St. Paul, when speaking on the subject, exclaimed: 'With Leo in Rome and Gibbons in America, I have no fear for the future.' So I, to-night, would turn to the parish of Ingersoll, on the banks of the Thames, with our venerable and honored pastor on the watch-towers, with that kindly face and lofty brow, indelibly stamped thereon with the genius of a great and mighty people, and exclaim that I have no fear for the future, but that we will go on in the future, as in the past, respected and esteemed by our fellow citizens."

Father Connolly replied very feelingly, and in the course of his remarks paid a high tribute to the character and ability of the late Father Molphy, who, he said, was an honor to any parish; and he expressed the hope that he would be able to do for the parish all that was expected of him, and in all his efforts he desired the hearty co-operation of a united parish, and then all would be well. He eulogized the C. M. B. A., and hoped that it would continue to grow and prosper until every eligible Catholic in the Dominion was a member.

Yours fraternally, C. B. RYAN, Rec. Sec. Ingersoll, May 11, 1895. Toronto, April 12, 1895.

S. R. Brown, Esq., Dear Sir and Brother—I was pleased to notice in first issue of THE CANADIAN, under the head medical examination, a word of caution and advice regarding the class we admit to membership. As stated, the health and sobriety of the assured form the assets of our association. Yes, sir. And as our only hope to gain the confidence of a desirable class depends on the quality of those assets, it will therefore be the duty of every member to assist in procuring a healthy and sober class to membership. The average duration of membership of those who died in the last two years don't indicate a healthy class. The average duration for 1893 was six years, while the average for 1894 was only five years. Though the death rate per 1000 is less than 8 per year, yet 17 died up to Jan 30, 1895, out of the 2000 admitted in those two years, which is at the rate of 20 per 1000 per year, as the average membership duration of the 2000 will not exceed ten months at above date. This is not a good showing, as the death rate on newly-admitted members should be less than the old. Then,

If we are a sober class, is it not remarkable that out of the 129 deaths in the last two years, 2 suicided and 22 or 1-6 were caused by accident or the result of an accident. The blame for bad risks don't always rest with the medical examiner, as he may be deceived by applicants not answering questions truthfully. Branch trustees have a responsible part, and should, before signing an application, carefully enquire into the habits and health of the applicant. If this matter is plainly brought to the notice of our members, I think it will do good. We will then see the necessity of doing our duty.

Hoping THE CANADIAN will continue to caution and advise in this matter, as our perseverance and prosperity depends on it.

Fraternally yours, WM. MORAN, Branch 49.

Resolutions from Branch 232.

At a recent meeting of Branch No. 232, Montreal, held in the Federation Hall, the resignation of the president, Bro. Kelly, was read and accepted with regret, he

being unable to attend on account of business. Bro. J. J. Ryan, 1st vice-president, was elected to the position of president, Bro. P. E. de Lorimier, 1st vice president, and Bro. G. A. Carpenter, 2nd vice-president. The branch then passed resolutions of condolence with the families of Bros. Kelly and Raymond. Moved by Bro. de Lorimier, seconded by Bro. Carpenter, and resolved:

Whereas—It has pleased Almighty God to call to His well-earned reward, at the grand old age of 84 years, Mr. John Kelly, beloved father of our esteemed president, Patrick Kelly, and Bro. Martin Kelly. Resolved—That we, the brother officers and members of Branch No. 232, C. M. B. A., which branch was organized chiefly through the energy and instrumentality of Bro. Kelly, do hereby most earnestly offer our sincere sympathy to Bros. Patrick and Martin Kelly in the sad bereavement that has so lately come upon them, and trust that that fond affection for an honored parent and their characteristic obedience to the divine will of Providence will enable them to bear with Christian resignation their sad affliction.

It was then moved by Bro. McCaffrey, seconded by Bro. Brunet, that copies of the above resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased; to the daily press, the "True Witness," "The Canadian" and the Catholic Record. A similar resolution was adopted in sympathy with Bro. L. R. Raymond, whose father also died last week.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION. June Assessment. Coiffation du mois de Juin. No. 7. Deaths. Décès. Nos. 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 & 38.

The Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada. Le Grand Conseil de l'A.C.B.M. du Canada. Secretary's Office, London, June 1, 1895. Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., 1er Juin, 1895. Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby officially notified of the deaths of the following named brothers, who at the time of their death were entitled to the benefits of the Association. Cher Monsieur et Frère—Vous êtes par le présent officiellement notifié du décès des frères ci-après nommés, lesquels, au temps de leur décès, étaient en droit aux bénéfices de l'Association.

Table with columns: NO. NAME, LOCATION, ADMITT'D, DIED, CAUSE OF DEATH. Includes names like Edward Dea, Andrew Finlen, Jean Vallancourt, etc.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for May, 1895. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéficiaires et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois de Mai, 1895.

Table showing Beneficiary Fund and Reserve Fund details. Includes 'Amount on hand May 1st, 1895' and 'Received during May from'.

Table showing payments to beneficiaries. Includes names like J. E. Maloney, A. Bertheaume, A. Robitaille, etc., and amounts.

Summary table of Beneficiary Fund and Reserve Fund. Includes 'Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893' and 'Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date'.

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. of Canada: Brothers—The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 7 (June Assessment) is given in compliance with Sec. 7 of our Beneficiary Fund Law; the legal notice of these regular monthly assessments is given in our Constitution. You must pay this assessment to the Financial Secretary of your Branch on or before the third day of July, 1895. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of this assessment accompanied with the Monthly Assessment Report on or before the 9th day of July, '95. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of our new Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments. All Branches are now supplied with the new Constitution, and there can be no excuse for non-compliance therewith. Yours fraternally, SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.