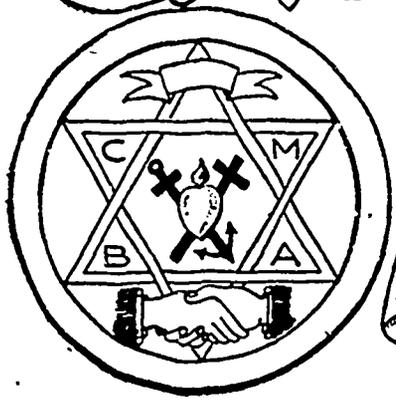


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NOTES.

Grand Chancellor MacCabe's very interesting and instructive articles on "The Rise of Guilds and Mutual Benefit Associations" will be discontinued for July and August. Dr. MacCabe has been very busy the past month with Normal School Examination work, and during July and August will be away on his holidays.

According to a leading French physician, absinthe has brought one-half of the consumptive patients to the Paris hospitals. The origin of disease in the human body should be carefully traced in each case. Hereditary maladies there are, but many attribute to their forefathers afflictions for which their own indulgence in deadly drugs and dissolute habits are alone responsible.

The following from the *Press Exchange* contains some sound advice, which our C. M. B. A. members in Canada might follow with a good deal of profit to the future welfare of the Association: "The A. O. U. W. of New York called for three assessments in January, simply because the membership is decreasing instead of progressing. It is said that in that jurisdiction one cause for the retrogression has been the lack of sufficient field for work. We cannot believe this is the real cause. Who can substantiate this as a fact, when it is known that the populous State of New York has less than 50,000 A. O. U. W. members. There is a vast field for increase if the members would only shake off their lethargy and go to work. The time has passed when any jurisdiction can grow without thorough hard work by deputies, officers and individual members. The officers of every order should systematically divide up the field and do missionary work year in and year out."

As many branches have not yet paid the Per Capita Tax for the 1st quarter of 1893, it is evident the officers do not "use due diligence in becoming acquainted with all the laws

of the Association," and we desire to call their attention to Section 60 of our constitution. The Per Capita Tax for the quarter ending 31st March was due on 1st April, and branches neglecting to pay such for thirty days, are liable to suspension. We hope no branch will allow this to take place.

The war of the Spanish succession cost the British taxpayer \$115,000,000; the Seven Years' war \$290,000,000; the American war of 1776, \$580,000,000; the Napoleonic wars \$3,100,000,000; and the Crimean war \$195,000,000; but the British drink bill, according to statistics published recently in the *London Times* for 1894, was \$693,689,140, and the amount spent in drink during the ten years from 1885 to 1894, inclusive, figures up to the very respectable total of over \$6,500,000,000. If this sum had been spent in premiums for life insurance, how much different would be the position of the people to-day!

In reply to a correspondent we give the following table of total payments each year to members of the British Royal Family:

	Per Year.
The Queen.....	\$1,250,000
Prince of Wales.....	200,000
Princess of Wales.....	50,000
For their children.....	180,000
Duke of Edinburgh.....	125,000
Duke of Connaught.....	125,000
Duke of Cambridge.....	70,000
Princess Christian.....	30,000
Princess Beatrice.....	30,000
Princess Louise.....	30,000
Duchess of Albany.....	70,000
Duchess of Teck.....	25,000
Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.....	15,000
Other royal persons.....	15,000
Total per year.....	\$2,850,000

The C. M. B. A. demands work from every officer and member. There are no "honorary" officers in our Association; we cannot afford it. In these days competition is too keen and our rates too low to admit having other than good interested men as officers. Brothers, rest assured that work, and work only, will insure success. All honor to the officers of our Grand Council, and the Deputies in the various provinces, who, with tireless energy and unflagging zeal, have carried on the affairs of the Association in Canada with such marked ability

and abundant success. We are not yet, however, in a position to "rest on our oars," and each member in Canada should consider himself in duty bound to bring in at least one more member before the end of this year. We are satisfied this could be done were the effort made; and certainly the good that would undoubtedly follow should warrant the effort.

The *Monitor* says "The dying man who dies well insured wins a competency for the loved ones whom he leaves; he wins the applause of right-thinking men, who will honor his memory; he wins his own self-approval and peace of mind. The dying man who dies without insurance loses all these things, but he dies just the same. Refusing to insure will not prevent death nor stave it off a single day; but it will bring a train of miseries long enough and black enough to make life miserable for those the dying man is bound to protect. Of all the cackles that have ever been urged against insuring this "dying to win" is about the shallowest. It is a delusive jingle of words, a more catchy phrase, and it is nothing else. How infinitely better it is to win by dying than to lose by dying." Join the C. M. B. A. and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you discharged at least a part of your duty to your family.

OUR BALLOT SYSTEM.

The spirit of our Constitution is distinctly in accord with the main contention of our Winnipeg Brother's letter on the ballot question. No personal feeling nor petty consideration should permit any member of our association to black ball any candidate. A good Catholic would never be allowed any such license by his conscience. All our membership should be made up of practical Catholics. A good man would never stoop to so dishonest and unmanly an action. We like to consider our membership as made up of good men and true. The right to ballot for members is a serious, conscientious, responsible duty; and

not an occasion for amusement or an opportunity for satisfying unchristian or unmanly feelings. We have not so far heard of any of our branches prostituting the ballot in any such way as our western brother describes. We can hardly believe that in the spirit of our organization such is possible. But we must have some means whereby our brothers can save the association from undesirable candidates whose undesirability may not be known or cannot in conscience be made known to the officers approving their papers; and the blackball, opprobrious as it may be, seems to fulfil all the requirements.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH.

His Grace Archbishop Walsh left on the S.S. Vancouver last Saturday from Montreal. He was then feeling in the very best of health. He expects to be away until the middle of August or thereabouts. He will be back in Toronto in time for the ecclesiastical retreat, which is to take place on the 25th August. During his stay abroad the Archbishop does not intend to leave Ireland. He will visit friends in various parts of Erin. He will however be the guest of His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin, for the greater part of the time. It is also likely that he will attend the celebration of the Jubilee of Archbishop Croke. The Archbishop of Toronto was invited to attend the celebration of the Maynooth Controversy, and he greatly regretted being unable to attend at an event so important to the Catholic world.—*Catholic Register*.

How to Please Mother

There is nothing that so pleases the fond mother as the gentle ways of a sweetheart in her son. If he greets her with a smile, throws his arms about her and pats her cheek and caresses her in the fond ways of an affectionate nature, she may chide him as a simple boy, or laughingly question the sincerity of his demonstrations, but they bring a glow of pleasure to her heart, that sweeps away the shadows of care and make her the happiest among God's creatures. Sons may make friends here and there as they go through life, as the creatures of destiny, but the one who never deserts them, never loses faith or abandons hope, is the mother whose yearning for love he so often repels or neglects.—*Detroit Free Press*.