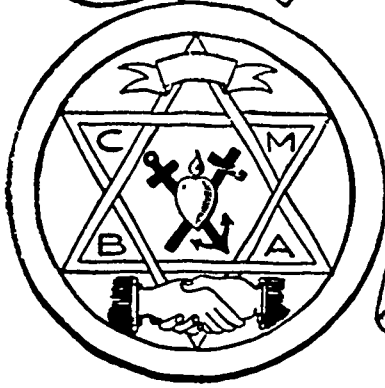


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Members are invited to send us items of news or information that will be of benefit to the Association. Communications upon subjects of interest to C. M. B. A. members will always be welcome, but anonymous letters and letters which the Manager does not consider for the welfare of the Association will not be published.

Correspondents will please remember that copy must reach us before the 15th of the month, if intended for publication in the following month's issue, and that space is limited and brevity much desired.

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NOTES.

The amendments to our Constitution will be promulgated and ready for distribution on or about April 1st.

Brother W. P. Killackey, Grand Organizer for Ontario, took 90 applications for C. M. B. A. membership during February. Nearly all of the applicants have been initiated. A report of the open meetings he held will appear in our next issue.

Brother J. E. H. Howison, Grand Organizer for Quebec, reports that he will have four new branches instituted before the end of March.

Chancellor Thomas Smith, of Branch 28, Ottawa, has been appointed a License Commissioner for said city.

Brother Smith will be found to give every satisfaction in that important office. He is a gentleman of superior judgment, and is very popular.

When a member sends us a change of address for THE CANADIAN he should give the number of the branch to which he belongs. This would save us a great deal of work in correcting our mailing sheet.

In nearly every case where members do not receive THE CANADIAN regularly, it is the fault of themselves or

the Recording Secretaries of their branches in not furnishing us with the correct address.

The Financial Statement of our Association for the year ending 31st December, 1898, takes up nearly all the March issue of THE CANADIAN, thus necessitating the leaving out of some very important matter until April.

This statement gives our members a large amount of valuable information and shows the C. M. B. A. of Canada to be in a better position financially than it has been at the end of any other year since the institution of the Grand Council.

There are two Assessments for March, viz., the regular Nos. 3 and 4. Our Constitution has not been changed in regard to the manner of notifying members of assessments. Sections 8 and 9 of Constitution remain as heretofore.

C. M. B. A. ANNIVERSARY.

The members of Brandon Branch, No. 277, of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, celebrated the anniversary of the organization of the branch by an entertainment for the members of St. Augustine's church in the convent hall on Monday evening, Feb. 13. There was a good attendance, the hall being comfortably filled, when the evening's entertainment opened with an excellent program of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc. Among the numbers on the program were songs by Misses Crawford, Carly and Therrien; a duet by Misses Pike and Therrien; recitations by Misses Madge McKinley and Bertie Kavanaugh; instrumental music by the Misses Therrien, Messrs. Noonan and the Misses Noonan, Mr. Schrupp and others. All the numbers were admirably rendered, and at the conclusion of each the audience expressed its approval by liberal applause.

Short addresses were made by Rev. Father Gotz and Verlooy and Mr. R. J. Molloy.

At the conclusion of the program those present engaged in games and amusements and a very pleasant social time was spent.

One of the most delightful features of the evening's entertainment was a most enjoyable lunch which was nicely served by the ladies of the congregation of St. Augustine's.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Kingston, Feb 2nd 1899

S. R. Brown, E.-q., Grand Secretary
C. M. B. A., London, Ont.

Dear Sir - I beg to acknowledge, on behalf of myself and children, the receipt of check for one thousand dollars, being amount due me on the beneficiary certificate held by my late husband, Charles Crowley. I desire to express my thanks for your prompt attention to this claim.

I also wish to offer my sincere thanks to the officers and members of Branch No. 9 for their sympathy and kindness to us in our sad bereavement.

MRS. MARY E. CHOWLEY.

Deseronto, Feb. 21, 1899.

To the officers and members of the C. M. B. A., Branch No 86

Gentlemen—I thankfully acknowledge the receipt of cheque for one thousand dollars, being the amount of insurance on my husband, Edward O'Reilly. I also wish to express my thanks for your kindness shown him during his illness and to me in my sorrow. May God bless and prosper you all and the C. M. B. A. for ever is the wish of

MARGARET O'REILLY.

C. M. B. A. SOCIAL.

The social and entertainment given by the members of Branch 216, Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the evening of the 11th Feb., in their rooms, was one of the most enjoyable events of the kind held this season. The concert commenced at 8 o'clock, and for upwards of an hour delighted a very large audience. Dr. F. F. Kelly, President of the branch, presided. Among those present we observed His Lordship Bishop McDonald, Rev. P. D. McGulgan, and many leading laymen.

The programme was as follows: Instrumental duet, Misses Ryan and Blanchard; address, Bro James McIsaac; song, Bro. Charles Hermans; recitation, Miss Fitzgerald; song, Miss Smith; piano solo, Mrs. Kelly; address, Bro. Alex. McDonald; song, Prof. Caven; reading, Bro. J. H. Reddin; song, Mrs. Blake; vocal duet, Bros. Caven and Hermans.

The Misses Ryan, Blanchard and Fitzgerald acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, and received warm applause, and the solos of Miss Joie Smith and Mrs. M. Blake, and the piano solo by Mrs. Dr. Kelly evoked unmistakable evidence of appreciation. Messrs. Caven and Hermans sang with their old time power and charm of voice and training, the former ex-

celling himself in the rendition of "A Hundred Pipers An A," and the latter in "Mary of Argyll." Mr. J. H. Reddin's reading was both humorous and entertaining. Excellent addresses on the organization, constitution and principles of the C. M. B. A. were delivered by Messrs. McIsaac and McDonald. Mr. McIsaac spoke of societies in general and the C. M. B. A. in particular, and dwelt in glowing terms on the grand work it is doing. Mr. McDonald reviewed the fraternal and insurance features of the Association, and gave statistics showing the extent of its beneficent work. He held that as the system of paying assessments bore lightly the Association brings insurance to many families who could not pay heavy calls and would therefore, on the death of their breadwinners, find themselves in absolute want. He also remarked that it is intended to establish a sick benefit at an early day. After the entertainment the members and their guests assembled in the adjoining room, where refreshments were served in admirable style by the wives of the brethren. Music and dancing were also indulged in by a large number until nearly 12 o'clock, when all retired well pleased with the hospitality of the brethren of the C. M. B. A.

APPEALS

Maher Appeal.

Ingersoll March 18th 1899
S. R. Brown, Editor Canadian
Dear Sir and Bro. - Since my last report I received 51 Orders Branch No. 121 and amounting to 1210 towards Bro. Maher appeal which please acknowledge in our next issue of THE CANADIAN.

The full amount received is \$1210.00
I have the pleasure to inform you that at a regular meeting of the Grand Council held on the 15th inst. it was unanimously decided that the Maher appeal be continued and its notice put in THE CANADIAN.

Yours fraternally
S. R. Brown, Rec. Sec. No. 12.

Jones Appeal.

Sarnia, Feb. 10th 1899
S. R. Brown Esq. Grand Sec. C. M. B. A.
London Ont.

Dear Sir and Bro. - Please find herewith the list of subscriptions towards the Jones appeal since last publication.

Br. No.	Amount
162 Moncton, N. B.	\$ 1.00
231 Hamilton, Ont.	1.00
77 Lindsay, Ont.	1.00
100 Baden, Ont.	1.00
131 Brechin, Ont.	1.00
187 Trout Creek, Ont.	1.00
27 Petrolia, Ont.	1.00
265 Thurso, Que.	1.00
5 Branford, Ont.	1.00
83 Toronto, Ont.	1.00
Total.....	\$ 12.00

Yours fraternally
M. LYSAGHT, Rec. Sec.