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Remittances to the Grand Secretary.

We have been asked the following question: Which officer of a branch is it the duty of to remit assessment money to the Grand Secretary?

It is the Treasurer's duty. See Section 10, Constitution; and all remittances should be by draft, marked cheque at par, post office order or express order.

Certificates of Birth.

Section 145 of our Constitution says: "Branches shall insist upon a statutory declaration from an applicant with respect to age or the production of a certificate of birth in all cases, and such declaration of age or certificate of birth shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the Recording Secretary of the branch, with the application for membership, when the applicant is initiated."

Several of our branches seem to pay no attention to this very important regulation of our Association; and this neglect is the cause of a large number of members not receiving policies, and may lead to a great deal of trouble hereafter. We cannot understand why the officers of any branch should violate our Constitution by allowing an applicant, who has not produced satisfactory proof of age, to be balloted for and initiated. They have no more right to violate this than any other section of the Constitution.

Annual Elections

The general annual elections of officers of branches shall take place at the first meeting of branches in December.

The election of representatives and alternates to the next convention of the Grand Council shall not take place until the general election in December, 1900.

The attention of our members is called to sections 163, 166, 167, 168 and 169.

We trust that as few changes as possible be made in the offices of Recording Secretaries, Financial Secretaries,

and Treasurers. It takes considerable time to become conversant with the duties of those offices, and where we have good competent men filling those positions at present, it would certainly be advisable to endeavor to keep them there. Incompetent men (and we undoubtedly have some) and unwilling men should not be kept in office.

Annual Nominations for Officers of Branches.

Nominations for officers of branches shall be made at the last regular meeting of branches in November.

The presiding officer shall not close the nominations for any office until every member present and in good standing, that desires, has nominated a person or persons for each office to be filled.

A member who is duly qualified may be nominated, though he be absent from the meeting.

Any member in good standing in a branch shall be eligible to any office therein, except that of President, which must be filled by a Chancellor or by an officer who has served a full term or who is filling an elective office at the time of nomination. This does not apply to the office of President at the formation of a new branch.

No nominations shall be made at the time of election unless all the nominees decline to serve.

Every member who accepts nomination for any particular office should be willing to comply with all the regulations in our constitution pertaining to said office, if elected.

Lapsed and Constitutionally Expelled Members, etc.

In looking around for new members for our Association it would appear as if those who, through carelessness or want of means (when they were formerly members), dropped out by virtue of the Constitution, were lost sight of altogether.

As during the past four or five years these number many hundreds, and as they thoroughly understand our Association and its workings, etc., we would strongly urge our members to go carefully over their roll book and make an effort to have them return to the old home. Especially is this the case in regard to younger subjects, many of whom we know would gladly take the matter into consideration if properly approached by some zealous member.

Another matter that would prevent a great deal of unfair criticism is that each member, after reading this article, would procure a statement from Financial Secretary's ledger of every dollar paid for assessments each year and make a general average of cost per \$1000. This would, we are sure, convince them that the C. M. B. A. is still what it has ever claimed it was: the safest, cheapest and best. What is really needed is more work by in-

dividual members. Now, brothers, let us see the branches which will give us the increases.

The Kingston Meeting.

We would ask all readers of THE CANADIAN to carefully review the account of the meeting in Kingston, which appears in another column. Outside of our convention proper no meeting has been held of greater moment to the C. M. B. A. The address of our Grand President, powerful and pointed as it always is, never fails to produce an important effect upon his hearers—an effect always productive of good. For all his efforts in keeping alive the enthusiasm of our members and bringing recruits to our ranks, the Grand President deserves the love of every member of the Association. But it is in the fact that two Princes of the Church—one on the day of his consecration, and the other after preaching the consecration sermon—should think so highly of our Association as to visit the meeting, address it, and give the Association their blessing and encouragement; in this fact will the Kingston meeting be a most memorable one. To no other Association has a like favor been vouchsafed. Let us be thankful for this great recognition from two such eminent ecclesiastics. Let us prove worthy their estimation and confidence. Let their words of love and cheer sink deep into our hearts, and every member of the C. M. B. A. should profit by the occasion to go forth and do his duty. The soil is ready to be tilled, and every member should be a laborer. To the two distinguished Archbishops the Association offers its heartfelt thanks. The day, one of joy, yet of responsibility to them, was one of even greater joy, yet greater responsibility to us as an association. May we be ever worthy of the confidence and trust. And that God's blessing and guidance may be ever with them, is the earnest prayer of every member of the C. M. B. A.

THE CONSECRATION OF HIS GRACE MOST REV. C. E. GAUTHIER.

And the Meeting of the C. M. B. A. at Kingston.

An event of the greatest importance for and significance to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association occurred in Kingston, on Oct. 18, the day upon which His Grace Most Rev. C. E. Gauthier was consecrated to the Archbishopric of Kingston. Branch No. 9, of Kingston, and the Grand officers of the Association residing in Kingston, Messrs. Bohan and Dr. Ryan, conceived the idea of holding a great public reception on that day. Accordingly, arrangements were made, committees appointed and invitations sent to all the branches in central Ontario. In conjunction with Rev. Father Stanton, of Smith's Falls, excursion rates were secured for all intending visiting C. M. B. A. members and their friends, in many instances special

train services being supplied. Invitations were issued to the Grand officers and the leading C. M. B. A. men throughout Canada. The splendid band of the Fourteenth Battalion was engaged for the event, which took place in the Grand Opera House. At 3 o'clock the meeting was opened. Every seat was filled and standing room in the passages could not even be secured. Fully two thousand people were present and hundreds unfortunately were turned away for want of accommodation. Grand Supervising Medical Examiner Dr. Ryan occupied the chair, and those of our delegates who attended the Conventions at Ottawa and Quebec can appreciate his capacity as chairman of the meeting. Seated on the platform with the chairman were: His Grace Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, Archbishop of Kingston; His Grace Most Rev. C. O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax, Grand Spiritual Adviser of the C. M. B. A.; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Halifax; Vicar General Kelly, Kingston; Rev. Frank Ryan, Toronto; Dean Masterson, Prescott; Rev. Fathers Spratt, Wolfe Island; O'Gorman, Gananoque; Carey, Brewer's Mills; Hogan, Deseronto; Hartigan, Camden East; Quinn, Marysville; Twomey, Morrisburg; Beecher, New York; Stanton, Smith's Falls; French, Renfrew; McKeon, Mt. St. Patrick; Hon. M. F. Hackett, Stanstead, Que.; John J. Bohan, Kingston; Sir William Hingston, Montreal; Hon. Senator Sullivan, Kingston; M. J. F. Quinn, M. P., Montreal; J. R. O'Reilly, Prescott; F. R. Latchford, Grand Solicitor, Ottawa; P. J. Galvin, Grand Guard, Almonte; T. J. Leahy, J. Coyle and T. P. Connor, Kingston. Many prominent clergymen and laymen occupied seats among the audience besides those whose names are here given. -Dr. Ryan, in a few words, explained the object of the meeting. It was the desire of the Association to rejoice in the elevation of their well-beloved brother, Archbishop Gauthier, to the dignity of his high office and to give the members present an opportunity to hear him and to meet him on this important day of his consecration. No less would they be rejoiced to meet and to hear the distinguished ecclesiastic from Halifax, Archbishop O'Brien, who had honored the Association by becoming its spiritual head. And all would be glad to meet again their ever popular Grand President and to listen to his fervent advocacy of his noble Association, the C. M. B. A. The chairman then called upon Mr. Jas. Coyle, President of Branch 9, to read an address of welcome to Grand President Hackett:

To Hon. M. F. Hackett, M. P. P., Grand President, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association:

Dear Sir and Brother, Branch No. 9, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, offer you, our Grand President, heartiest greetings upon your first visit to the city of Kingston. We welcome you more especially on this festive day, when our hearts are gladdened by the elevation to Kingston's historic See of our distinguished brother, Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, D. D.

As members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, we are proud in having in you, our executive head, a man so well known, so universally respected, so talented, and so enthusiastic in all that pertains to the advancement of our whole organization. We cannot speak too highly of your administration, as evidenced in the healthy numerical growth of the society, in its ever increasing financial standing, and in its widening influence for all that makes for the happiness and prosperity of its members and of the community.

For, national in its character, devoted entirely to the wellbeing of its membership, to their temporal prosperity and their spirit-