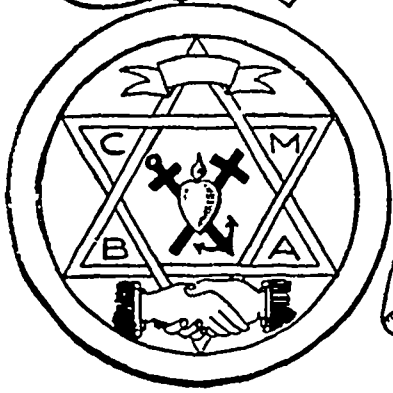


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NOTES.

The appointment of Bro. Howison as Organizer will not interfere to any great extent with the work of the Grand Secretary's office, as other competent help has been secured.

We are pleased to note that Chancellor John Donahue, of Branch 99, Westport, Ont., was elected by acclamation to the office of County Councillor for the 6th Division of Leeds.

Recording Secretaries who have not yet sent us their branch's annual report are requested to do so as early as possible. The statement to the Grand Council Finance Committee is not now required, as the monthly assessment reports answer the purpose.

New constitutions will not be printed until the supply of constitutions at present on hand is about used. The few amendments adopted at the late convention will be printed in leaf-form, attached to the constitution now in use, and our branches supplied therewith as soon as said amendments are passed by the committee and promulgated by the Grand President.

Branch No. 292 held its regular meeting on Jan. 24, 1899, over which Grand Deputy J. J. Costigan presided, and, assisted by Chancellor Reynolds, installed the officers for 1899. After the installation ceremonies short addresses were made by Grand Deputy Costigan, Chancellor Reynolds, Bros. Lynch, Ireland, Cowan, Carpenter, McDonald, Nollson and others on the good and welfare of the Association.

The Grand President and Board of Trustees have appointed Bro. J. E. H. Howison Organizer for the Province of Quebec, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum and expenses, said expenses not to exceed \$2 50 per day. The Executive is determined to leave nothing undone to endeavor to make the Province of Quebec what it should be, viz.,

the banner province of Canada in C. M. B. A. membership. During the past four or five years the Province of Quebec has added very few members to our C. M. B. A. roll. We sincerely trust that this state of things will now cease, and that Bro. Howison (and we think no more competent man for Organizer for Quebec can be found), with the able assistance of our Grand Deputies and the Rev. Fathers in that province, will succeed in doubling our membership there before the end of 1899.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Montreal, Dec. 30, 1898.

To the officers and members of Branch No. 41, C. M. B. A.

Gentlemen:—I gratefully acknowledge the receipt, through your Recording Secretary, J. J. Jones, of a cheque for \$2,000, being the amount of insurance on the life of my late husband, Michael O'Brien, in the C. M. B. A. of Canada, I wish to express my deep gratitude to the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. and to Branch 41 for the prompt remittance of the above \$2,000 and that God may bless the C. M. B. A. in the sincere prayers of Mrs. M. O'BRIEN.

Stratford, Ont., Jan. 12, 1899.

E. J. Kneill, Esq., Rec. Sec. Branch 13, C. M. B. A., Stratford, Ont.:

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of \$2,000, the amount for which my late husband, James Brophy, was insured in your society, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and I also desire to express my gratitude to the members of your branch for the exceedingly great kindness and attention since my husband's death. Trusting that the C. M. B. A. may continue to prosper in its good work.

I am yours sincerely,
MARGARET BROPHY,
110 Bay Street, Stratford.

Dartmouth, N. S., Jan. 5, 1899.

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Association of Canada:

Dear Sir—I hereby acknowledge receipt of cheque for one thousand dollars, being amount due the estate of the late Michael A. McAdam on beneficiary certificate. I desire to express, on behalf of his mother, her most sincere thanks also to the officers and members of the Halifax and Dartmouth branches for their kindness and sympathy to her son in his illness.

Yours most respectfully,
JOHN MCADAM,
Administrator.

Bridgeport, C. B., Jan. 13, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of Branch 234, C. M. B. A., Glace Bay, C. B.:

Dear Sirs—I beg to acknowledge receipt, through your Recording Secretary, Mr. Neil F. McNeil, of a cheque of one thousand dollars, being the amount of insurance policy on the life of my late husband, Alexander Cameron, who was a member of your branch.

I desire to express my grateful thanks to your Association for the promptness with which they paid the claim. To reflect over the short period of fourteen days that my dear husband was a member of your society should in itself commend your grand Association to all who have the welfare of their families at heart.

With sincere good wishes for the future success of your excellent Association.

I am, yours very respectfully,
ANNIE CAMERON

Dundas, Ont., Jan. 16, 1899.

President and Gentlemen of Branch No. 11, C. M. B. A., Dundas:

On behalf of my sister and myself I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of cheque for \$2,000 amount of policy on the life of my late father, Patrick Costello a member of Branch No. 11, C. M. B. A., Dundas. Being absent from town caused the delay of our not receiving the cheque sooner, as they were here on November 2, 1898.

JAMES J. COSTELLO.

Initiations Reported in January, 1899.

Initiations Rapportees en Janvier.

Br.	Initiated.	Members.
119. Welland, Ont.	1	1
159. Killaloe Station, Ont.	1	1
3. Chatham, Ont.	1	1
3. Kingston, Ont.	1	1
110. Oneal, Que.	1	1
180. Halifax, N. S.	1	1
178. Memramcook, N. B.	1	1
138. St. Jean Baptiste, Man.	1	1
210. Grand Falls, N. B.	1	1
216. Charlottetown, P. E. I.	1	1
51. Meteghan, N. S.	1	1
280. Grand Digue, N. B.	1	1
291. Cape Bald, N. B.	1	1
12. Berlin, Ont.	1	1
31. Guelph, Ont.	1	1
35. Goderich, Ont.	1	1
49. Toronto, Ont.	1	1
58. Toronto, Ont.	1	1
8. Ottawa, Ont.	1	1
28. Toronto, Ont.	1	1
47. Renfrew, Ont.	1	1
101. Waterloo, Ont.	1	1
182. Moncton N. B.	1	1
176. Ottawa, Ont.	1	1
188. Carleton Place, Ont.	1	1
182. Antigonish, N. S.	1	1
181. Valcourt, Que.	1	1
214. Alberton, P. E. I.	1	1
23. Murray Bay, Que.	1	1
28. Yarmouth, N. B.	1	1
28. Yarmouth, N. B.	1	1
28. St. Joseph, N. B.	1	1
28. St. Germaine Grantham, Que.	1	1
74. St. D. de L. Auberville, Que.	1	1
17. Fox Creek, N. B. (1898)	1	1
27. Fort William, Ont. (1898)	1	1
27. Mount St. Patrick, Ont. (1898)	1	1
Total	38	38

A SERMON TO PARENTS.

"Whatever you wish your child to be," says a distinguished writer, "be it yourself. If you wish it to be happy, sober, truthful, affectionate, honest and godly, be yourself all those." Children are such imitative beings that they often act unconsciously as mirrors to us older people. We see in them our faults produced again and again, and we lose heart for we know what a battle is to be fought. We see, too, in happier moments, our virtues and per-

haps our graces reflected in our little ones, and we take courage.

But most of us expect our children to be improved editions rather than exact copies of ourselves. We want them to be a great deal more healthy and a great more godly, happier, handsomer and even more affectionate, honest and truthful than their parents.

We have spent perhaps twenty-five or thirty years in acquiring these virtues, and I think the demands we make upon the little men and women who have just begun the journey of life is sometimes out of all proportion to their tender years. Indeed, I have seen parents exact an amount of self-control and an unfaltering obedience from these children which I think they would find it difficult to practice themselves.

Virtue is not the growth of a day, but the outcome of years of discipline and experience. And to preach goodness is, as everybody knows who has tried it, a great deal easier, but not nearly so effectual, as to practice it. Children imitate our manners and our little tricks of speech. They copy quite as readily our virtues or our vices.

If we are selfish and grasping, we have no right to expect our children to be models of generosity, and if we are impatient and irritable, we ought not to be surprised if their tempers are also somewhat uncertain. To a mother belongs the double duty not only of training her child in the way he should go, but of training herself likewise, a task that requires quite as much patience and wisdom.

To rule one's household wisely is not an art that comes by intuition. It demands our most serious thought and best energies. A little tact and ingenuity is much more effectual than a stick, and a great saving to the temper.

There are times, no doubt, in the history of every family when a fault and its consequences must be emphasized by some sort of punishment. But don't put your moral with your slipper. Let the punishment come as nearly as possible in a line with the fault. Make it a logical consequence, not an arbitrary act, for these little people reason quite as clearly as we do from cause to effect, and appreciate quite as readily the force of a striking argument. After all, it is not rules and regulations, although they be of the best, which develop the character of the child; it is the mental and moral atmosphere in which he lives—"Marion" in Sacred Heart Review.