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# ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

#### NOTES.

Branch No. 132, Halifax, N. S, will hold a progressive euchre party some time this month.

Oa December 5, 1898, Bro. W. P. Killackey, Grand Organizer of the C. M. B. A., held a very successful re or ganization meeting of Branch 35, when a number of new members were initiated. During this month Bro. Killackey held also another successful reorganization meeting of Branch 119, at Welland, with similar good results.

We are pleased to note that at the nomination for Division No 5 of Prescott, which is formed of the town of L'Orignal and Longueutt. Bro. B. R. Poulin, manager of The Prescott and Russell Advocate, was elected by acclamation to represent said division in the County Council.

Officers of branches are reminded that the per capita tax, initiation tax and Supervising Medical Examiner's fees for the quarter ending December 31, 1898, are overdue, and should be paid without further delay. See Sections 60, 147 and 176 of Constitution. Accounts also have been rendered to December 15, 1898, and should be paid tco with the shortest delay.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

London, Ont., Nov. 30th, 1898. S. R. Brown, Esq., Grand Secretary C. M. B. A.

Dear Sir-On behalf of myself and children, I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of cheques for \$2,000, amount of policy on the life of my late husband, George McGuire, a member of Branch 10. 15 of the C. M. B. A.

Thanking you for your courtesy and the prompt and satisfactory settlement of our claim.

I remain, Yours very sincerely, ANNIE MCGUIRE.

To the Secretary of Branch 132, C. M.

thanks the receipt of your cheque. cannot find words to express my gratt tude to yourself and the other chicers and members of the C. M. B. A for the many acts of kindness and attention given my late son, Jr nes A Coleman, during hic iliness, and I earnestly pray that you may long be spared to con-tinue such noble work. Will you be good enough to convey my thanks to the C. B A for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit.

Yours very sincerely, CATHARINE COLEMAN. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21, 1898.

## DECEIVED I. O. F. OFFICIALS.

Judgment Delivered in an Interesting Suit at Montresi.

Montreal, Nov. 21 .- A judgment of some importance to fraternal societies was rendered by Judge Davidson in the Superior Court to-day in the case of Mercier against the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters. Mr. Mercier complained of expulsion from the ranks of the order, and claimed \$1 999 99. He alleged that on May 3, 1897, he had been admitted a member of St. Helen's Court, I. O F., having been first examined medically and pronounced fit. He further alleges that on the 16th of July, 1897, he had been, "without cause and malicious ly," expelled by the Supreme Grand Chief, "who had no power to order said expulsion without a fair trial."

The plea was that Mercier had incurred the penalty of expulsion by having given false information as to family history, etc., at the time of his application for admission to member-Also his action was premature, as he should first have sought redress by appealing to the Supreme Executive Council from the decision of the Supreme Grand Chief.

His Honor found that Mercler, when being medically examined, bad concealed the fact that his liver was disessed. He had also given false state ments as to the deaths of his sisters, all of whom, he had said, had died in in-fancy, whereas one had died of consumption, after marriage. Mr. Morcier, then, had deceived the officials of the order as to essential facts, and his expulsion had been justified.

#### AT HOME.

The at home given by Branches 132 and 160 in their rooms on Thanksgiving eve was a most enjoyable affair.

half way down the programme an intermission was called, during which supper was served in two rooms in another part of the building. The rooms were tastefully decorated. After the supper, songs were rendered by Bros. Quinn and Phelan. Bro. J. J. O Donnell officiated as floor director in his usual good style. The committee in charge were composed of Bros J J. McManus, chairman; R F. Keltie, secretary ; and the trustees of Branches 132 and 160 They are to be congratulated on the success of the affair. The spacious billiard hall of the assoclation was thrown o en to the guests, and those who did not feel like tripping the light fantastic enjoyed the attrac tions offered in the way of billiards, pool, etc. Saveral non members were present.

# THE MAHER APPEAL

Ingersoll, Dec. 15, 1898 S. R. Brown, Eiq., Grand Secretary, London:

Dear' r and Brother-Kindly insert in THE CANADIAN the following dona-tions received towards Brother Joseph Maher's appeal, since my last report.
Yours fraternally.
C. B. RYAN.

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Knapp, Wis., Dec. 1, 1898 S R Brown, Esq., Grand Secretary, London:

Dear Sir and Brother-Allow me to thank, through Tive Canadian, our official organ, all the branches who denated to my appeal: also to thank Brother C. B. Ryan, of Branch No. 19, Ingersoll, for the manner in which he handled same. I am well satisfied with what he has done for me.

Branches that have not donated as yet, kindly send to Bro. C. B Ryan, Ingersoll, who will forward same to me.

Thanking you all again and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Now Year.

I remain, yours fraternally, JOSEPH MAHER

## THE JONES APPEAL

Sarnia, Dec. 12, 1898. Samuel R. Brown, Esq., Grand Secre tary C M. B A , London, Oat :

Dear Sir and Bro.-Kindly insert in About forty couples attended and dane. THE CANADIAN the report of the God, and all lives are failures which Dear Sir-I beg to acknowledge with ing was kept up until 2 a. m. About branches who donated to the appeal in are lived for any other end.—Faber.

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