

C. M. B. A.

Grand Council Audit and Branch Accounts.

To the Editor of the Catholic Register.

DEAR SIR—You may remember Branch No. 145 has for a long time past been endeavouring to have a proper system of keeping Branch accounts by the Grand Secretary instituted, and also to have a thorough audit of the books and accounts of the Association made annually.

An agitation having these objects in view was commenced by the Branch over three years ago when it wrote to the Finance Committee urging action along the lines indicated. It also instructed its Delegate to the Convention held in Hamilton in 1892 to bring this matter up, and although he received scant consideration, still we kept at it in the interval between the Hamilton and St. John Conventions. We addressed a circular to all Branches in Canada, asking them to instruct their delegates to the latter Convention to take action in this most important matter. At the St. John Convention I regret to say, our Delegate and his endeavours to effect an improvement in this respect did not receive the attention the importance of the question seemed to demand. Finally in November last, we addressed a letter to each of the Board of Trustees, pointing out the statutory provision bearing upon the question. Shortly after we heard from the Grand Officers that a special committee had been appointed to deal with the matters complained of, and now we have much pleasure in informing the Association at large, through your columns that under date 29th December last, the Grand President writes:

"The special Committee alluded to are devising ways and means by which the checking of every member's account with the Association could be accomplished. This will necessitate the preparation of a new form for Branch reports, and new membership registers, and will take some little time to get it in good working order. If we accomplish in this way what seems to be most desired by all who find fault with the present method of keeping these accounts, we think the necessity for a special audit at large expense will be obviated.

"I quite agree with your committee that there is room for improvement in the line you were urging, and if after a fair trial of the methods we have now under consideration, I find that they will not accomplish what we desire, there will be no other course open than the employment of an outside auditor regardless of the expense."

It may be thus seen that our three years of agitation have at last borne fruit and we must congratulate the Grand Officers on their having, even at this late day, taken the course prudence and sagacity suggests, viz.: that of placing the funds and books of the Association on a sound business basis, thus inspiring confidence amongst the members and assuring them that their interests are being properly cared for and guarded.

Confidence having thus been re-established we can now go on increasing our membership and making our beloved Association a greater means than ever of doing the good contemplated by its founders.

Yours truly, J. D. WARDE,  
Rec. Sec'y. Branch 145.

Election of Officers.

The following have been elected officers of the local branches of the C.M.B.A. for 1895:

BRANCH 146, DUNMONTVILLE.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Theo. Quinn; President, Leop. Poirier; 1st Vice Pres., G. N. Lemire; 2nd Vice President, Almo Fleurent; Rec. Sec'y, Orig. Gosselin; Asst. Rec. Sec'y, Adelp. Lafontaine; Fin. Sec'y, D. Bergeron; Treasurer, C. C. Champagne; Marshal, T. H. Brassard; Guard, F. X. Lemire; Trustees, T. H. Brassard, Almo Fleurent, Ernest Fleurent, one year; Adelp. Lafontaine, J. D. Archambault, two years.

BRANCH 180, YARMOUTH, N.S.

F. G. J. Comeau, Pres.; W. H. Whalen, 1st Vice Pres.; S. Churchill, 2nd Vice Pres.; J. O'Brien, Rec. Sec'y; D. T. Ashe, Asst. Rec. Sec'y; J. R. Saulnier, Fin. Sec'y; T. A. DeKretmont, Treas.; J. Madden, Marshal; P. Meuse, Guard; Trustees, J. Madden, L. Burridge and S. Churchill.

BRANCH No. 221, WOODVILLE.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. E. J. Hodgkinson; President, Michael McHugh; 1st Vice President, John Fitzgerald; 2nd Vice President, James Murphy; Recording Secretary, M. N. Monseu; Assistant Recording Secretary, Frank McHugh; Financial Secretary, Joseph Grainger; Treasurer, Bernard Conway; Marshal, Henry Archibald; Guard, John Mathers; Trustees, Bernard Conway, James Murphy, Frank McHugh.

BRANCH No. 40, NEW HAMBURG.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Hubert Aymons; Chancellor, August Hartman; President, Joseph D. Hopf; 1st Vice President, Joseph Hollocher; 2nd Vice President, Jan. Buckel; Recording Secretary, Joseph F. Ran; Assistant Recording Secretary, John A. Hartman; Financial Secretary, F. J. Hartman; Treasurer, F. J. Hartman; Marshal, M. Dietrich; Guard, John Schults.

BRANCH No. 192, ANTONISH, N.S.

J. P. Sears, President; P. S. Floyd, 1st Vice President; Allan Gills, 2nd Vice President; J. T. Bonner, Recording Secretary; J. J. Gills, Assistant Recording Secretary; D. H. McGillivray, Financial Secretary; Douglas McGillivray, Treasurer; David Somers, Marshal; Lewis McDonald, Guard; Rev. Dr. A. Thompson and A. R. McDonald, Trustees.

BRANCH No. 16, PRESOTT.

Spiritual Adviser, Very Rev. Dean Master son; Chancellor, W. J. Allen; President, Martin Delaney; 1st Vice President, Francis Pilon; 2nd Vice President, Henry Gahan; Recording Secretary, W. J. Bruder; Assistant Recording Secretary, Jas. P. Kavanaugh; Financial Secretary, Jas. Conlon; Treasurer, B. J. Granton; Marshal, James Black; Guard, Luke Major; Board of Trustees, P. K. Halpin, Gideon Ladouceur, Lawrence Rooney, James McCurney, A. K. O'Neill.

BRANCH No. 193, MANITOBA.

President, Onesime Bardeleau; 1st Vice President, Ildege Bourbonnais; 2nd Vice President, Cleophas Davis; Recording Secretary, Joseph Baril; Assistant Recording Secretary, Theophile Thibault; Financial Secretary, Paul Gagnon; Treasurer, Edward J. Parent; Marshal, Zenna Fili n; Guard, Mathias Pillon; Trustees, Louis Arcand, Theophile Bruneau, Paul Gagnon, Ephum Marlon, Joseph Baril.

BRANCH No. 118, SHERRBROOKE.

Patrick Hackett, President; Heliole Fortier, 1st Vice President; Wm. Gendron, 2nd Vice President; Farwin Campbell, Recording Secretary; J. Octave Gauthier, Assistant Recording Secretary; Etienne Chartier, Treasurer; Hermenegilde Prefontaine, Financial Secretary; Michael Fitzgerald, Marshal; F. X. Drapeau, Guard; Rev. K. C. Tiesette, Spiritual Adviser; John J. Griffith, Chancellor; Trustees, L. Dupuy, John Mulvan, John Walsh, Z. P. Cormier, F. X. Oscar Devere.

BRANCH No. 149, HAWTREY.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. P. Corcoran; Chancellor, John Burke; President, J. A. McNamara; 1st Vice President, Thomas McNamara; 2nd Vice President, Edward McMahon; Recording Secretary, Wm. McNamara; Assistant Secretary, John McMahon; Financial Secretary, H. McElhorne; Treasurer, Charles McElhorne; Marshal, Thos. Clark; Guard, Luke Foley; Trustees, P. McSloy, Frank Coen, John Burke, Wm. Moore and Charles McElhorne.

BRANCH No. 203, CANSO, N.S.

Chancellor, P. C. Cullen; President, Rev. D. V. Phalen; 1st Vice President, P. McKenna; 2nd Vice President, D. McNeary Jr.; Recording Secretary, E. H. Carrington; Assistant Secretary, A. C. Cameron; Treasurer, J. E. Kelly; Financial Secretary, R. Davis; Marshal, P. Ryan; Guard, Wm. Kelly; Trustees, Rev. D. V. Phalen, J. McNeary, J. Sullivan, A. Keating, J. C. Logue.

BRANCH No. 50, MONTREAL.

President, T. J. O'Neill; 1st Vice President, F. Laugan; 2nd Vice President, M. Polan; Recording Secretary, P. McCabe; Assistant Secretary, L. U. Charlebois; Financial Secretary, W. P. Doyle; Treasurer, M. Neher; Marshal, P. Sheehan; Guard, P. Keogh; Trustees, H. Brady, W. Smith.

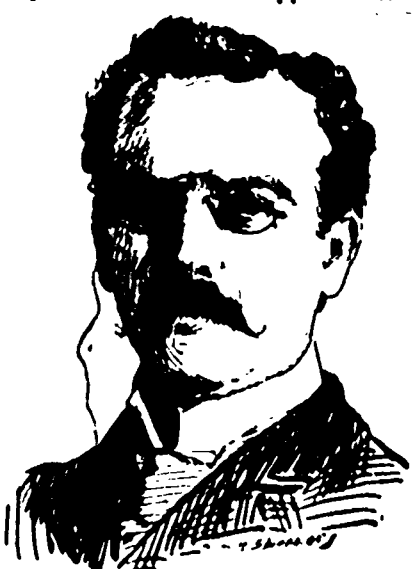
BRANCH No. 222, GRAVENHURST.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. P. J. McGuire; President, Edmund Clairmont; 1st Vice President, John P. O'Healey; 2nd Vice President, Bruno Lemoyne; Recording Secretary, W. J. Moore; Assistant Recording Secretary, David McCaffrey; Financial Secretary, Jas. Dodd; Treasurer, P. O'Sullivan; Marshal, Patrick Keenan; Guard, J. P. Mason; Trustees, John P. O'Healey, Henry Hannell, Michael Whyte, W. J. Moore, Bruno Lemoyne.

BRANCH No. 140, MONTREAL.

A. H. Spedding, President; C. Carbin, 1st Vice President; O. Pariseau, 2nd Vice President; Charles Perreault, Recording Secretary; P. Favreau, Financial Secretary; O. Riord, Treasurer.

Separate School Board Appointments.



JAS. W. MALLON,  
Representative on High School Board.



W. T. J. LEE,  
Representative on Free Library Board.

A. O. H.

Before again trespassing on your valuable paper I feel it a duty to return to you my sincere thanks for the kindness you have shown to me in the past year by publishing in full all communications sent to your valuable paper from me, and to express the hope that you and your paper will have a prosperous New Year. On this occasion I ask again permission to say a few words about this very progressive Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. No. 1. Our first meeting of the New Year, Sunday afternoon, January 6th, was like all the past, the hall being crowded, the officers all being in their respective places when the meeting was called to order and duly opened. A long list of business was taken up for transaction. Special Committees reported every thing in progressive order for the concert on the 18th of March.

Two or three members were reported sick and their benefits were ordered to be paid. This is the beauty of this organization; their punctuality in paying sick benefits and the large amount given for the small dues paid monthly by each member.

No young Irishman, by birth or descent, should hesitate in becoming enrolled in this grand organization, which is composed of the one nationality, Irish; and every young man with a love for the land of his forefathers should find this the nearest and dearest to him, as he may always be sure wherever he may roam to find Hibernians, as there is a membership of two hundred and fifty thousand between the United States and Canada. No. 1 has always been an example for all the other Divisions to follow in activity. For the coming year the Division is in the hands of a very able set of officers, who were installed at the last meeting by Bro. M. J. Ryan, ex-County Delegate, and conducted to their respective places by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Bro. Jos. Rutledge, newly-elected President, on taking the chair thanked the members in very appropriate words for the high honor they had conferred on him by placing him at the head of the Division.

The Secretary then read a highly complimentary address to Brother T. McKeague, retiring President.

Brother T. McKeague, P.P., replied in a very pleasing speech for their very flattering address. The meeting at a late hour closed in the usual form.

At the last regular meeting of Div. No. 1, A.O.H., held on January 6th the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, we, the officers and members of Div. No. 1 having heard, with deep regret, of the death of our beloved passed Grand

Chaplain, the Very Rev. Monsignor Rooney, V.G.,

Resolved, that we keenly feel the loss which has fallen upon us, as members of No. 1, especially as the Rev'd Father was connected with No. 1 since its organization in Toronto, while the Church in this city has been bereft of one of its most time-honored and God serving pastors.

Resolved, that, while we humbly submit to the will of our Divine Creator, we nevertheless feel it our duty, as Hibernians and Catholics, to express our sorrow at the loss of our venerable pastor.

Resolved, that we respectfully tender his Grace the Archbishop our deepest sympathy and condolence for the loss of a devoted and sincere friend, and Miss McShane who mourns the loss of a kind and loving uncle and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be inserted in the minutes and copies sent to Catholic Record and CATHOLIC REGISTER for publication and our charter draped for a period of 90 days.

Signed on behalf of Division No. 1, A.O.H.:  
BERNARD McWILLIAMS,  
WILLIAM McLEAN,  
M. J. CANNON, Committee.

I. C. B. A.

A large attendance of members signalized the first meeting for 1895 of the St. Agnes Beneficial Society Branch No. 9, of the Irish Catholic Association. The most important business of the evening was the installation of the officers elect, and the election of members on the Executive and Sick Committees. Much interest was manifested by the members in the several elections and the selections made bespeak the prudence of their judgment. Grand Secretary Shea installed the following officers:

President, Miss Mary Thompson; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Sylvas; 2nd Vice President, Miss Maud O'Neill; Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. Greer; Fin. Sec'y, Miss M. Harding; Asst. Fin. Sec'y, Miss Katie Croake; Treas., Miss Ettie Tighe; Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss Mamie O'Neill; Guard, Miss Horan; Auditors, Miss Maud O'Neill, Miss Nellie Stewart.

The following ladies compose the Executive Committee:—Misses K. Croake, M. Harding, Maud O'Neill, Mrs. John Stewart and Mrs. Sylvas.

The Sick Committee are:—Mrs. John Stewart, Mamie O'Neill, Mrs. Sylvas, Mrs. Durnan, Mrs. John Hayes, Miss Maggie Burns and Miss McQuillan.

The reports of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer to Dec. 31, 1894, were read, and show the Branch to be in a flourishing condition.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 1, held in their Hall, King and Jarvis streets, the following committees were elected:

Executive—P. Cassidy, C. Rogers, G. Wright, B. Doyle, J. Malone, P. Dolan.  
Sick—G. Wright, E. J. Maguire, J. Whelan, M. Horan, M. Rose, J. Malone, J. J. McCarthy.

Auditors—M. J. Ryan, E. J. Maguire.  
Four propositions received and three members initiated.

Knights of St. John.

The last regular meeting of St. Mary's Commandery, No. 216, was held at Cameron Hall on the 12th inst.

The Commandery was honored with a visit from the Supreme Vice-President, Sir Kt. Kennedy who installed the officers for the New Year.

Also many visitors from other city commanderies drawn hither to hear the promised lecture by Sir Kt. W. H. Cahill, Prov. President of the order.

The subject of the lecture was "The Knights Hospitallars of St. John, of Jerusalem, their Origin, Rise and subsequent history of the Order."

The speaker, who was greeted with enthusiasm and listened to with the closest attention, delivered a well prepared and very interesting discourse, interspersed with historical information and data, and at the close was voted hearty thanks, receiving as well personal congratulations of his listeners.

The commandery hope at their next meeting the 27th, to listen to a discourse on "Anatomy" by Bro. Dr. McMahon, at which lecture all their friends are invited, as that part of the meeting will be an open one.

Dixie.

Dixie parish was recently honored by a visit from the Rev. Father Lynett of Toronto. A rare treat was received on hearing the Rev. gentleman preach. His eloquence, passionate ardour, sincerity and tenderness, render him a favorite in the pulpit. His genial manner has won him many earnest admirers in Dixie parish.

The sugar-coating, which makes Ayer's Pills so easy to take, dissolves immediately on reaching the stomach, and so permits the full strength and benefit of the medicine to be promptly communicated. Ask your druggist for Ayer's Almanac, just out.