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C. M. B. A.

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To the Members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association in Canada:

I cannot permit the first month of a New Year, opening so auspiciously for our association, to pass by without wishing you all many returns of this happy season, and the association itself a long continued career of undivided prosperity and increasing usefulness. Our years will be happy in proportion to the fidelity we manifest in the discharge of our Christian duties, to which the rules of our society invite such close adhesion. The progress of the association must also be measured by the discharge of its obligations as a Catholic society. Unlike associations outside the church, said to be benevolent, but which are really the creatures of ambitious men, cloaking wicked designs under specious professions of philanthropy, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association is fettered by no oath bound obligations. It is the creature of no man, the tool of no faction. With charity for its motive power, and religion for its guide, our association openly, truthfully and fearlessly pursues its purposes.

Its growth in this country has been truly marvellous. And as its inherent worth and unquestionable usefulness become better known, little doubt can there be that before many years the number of its members will be reckoned by the thousand, scattered throughout every Province of the Dominion. No new Branches have, it is true, been established since the meeting of the Grand Council, but there is good ground for hoping that in this year of grace 1885, several new branches will be added to our list. I have myself already taken steps looking to the inauguration of a Branch at Woodstock, and I rejoice to impart you the intelligence I have received of encouraging prospects elsewhere.

It would afford me great pleasure, indeed, did my parochial duties permit to visit in person all the Branches now established in Canada. The members will, however, readily understand that amid the cares and responsibilities of the pastor's life, no such time as would be required for such a purpose can be found. From what I know of the zeal and earnestness of the members of the various Branches, but little, indeed, if anything, could be done by myself through a personal visitation of the Branches towards the promotion of the society's growth. I take this occasion, nevertheless, at the beginning of this New Year, to urge on all our members the duty of never failing to lay, when opportunity presents itself, before their neighbors and friends, the advantages, spiritual and temporal, to be gained by affiliation to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. By this quiet but sound and steady method of propagandism our society must make steady and lasting progress.

I have read with interest the communications in the late number of the RECORD from Prescott and Kingston. The treatment meeted out to the C. M. B. A. delegates from Canada at the hands of our Supreme Council is very generally and justly condemned. That body, for instance, refused to entertain our petition for the privilege of having our own printing done in this country, and this in the face of the strongest reasons. Our printing we could have done much more cheaply here than it is now done for us in the United States. In its transmission here it is, of course, subject to heavy custom duties and express charges, both of which could be obviated by its being done in our own country. It was, therefore, in the interest of the association and of every member thereof, that this privilege should be conceded; and yet it was refused.

We were also refused a separate beneficiary, although most cogent reasons were advanced in favor of such a change. The question now arises whether it is advisable to form a separate beneficiary here in Canada independently of the American Branches, or to wait until such time as we have the membership required by the constitution (2,500). There cannot, in my estimation, be any doubt that before long we will have the requisite number.

Are the members prepared to wait until we obtain this number. If not, let them pass resolutions in the opposite sense, as the Kingston Branch has done, and I will at the earliest moment call a meeting of the Grand Council to take the necessary steps for forming a separate beneficiary.

I would also request the secretaries of Branches to call the attention of the medical examiners to the necessity of being in some cases more careful in making out their reports. The blank medical papers have been gotten up with great care and for the protection of the members of the association. If the medical examiner of any Branch does not properly fill out the blanks he does an injury to the applicant and causes much trouble and inconvenience to our Supervising Medical Examiner. By care in this important regard much difficulty must necessarily be spared. The New Year has, as I have said, opened with bright prospects for the association in Canada. By a united and earnest effort we ought at the close of the present year be enabled to congratulate ourselves on a membership double the number that we now enjoy. That this may be so, and that the society may continue true to its Catholic principles and its course be marked by abundance of good works, is my fervent hope. I have the honour to be, with sincere regard, fraternally yours.

JOSEPH P. MOLPHY, P. P.,
Grand President.

Ingersoll, Jan. 9, 1885.

Montreal, Dec. 31st, 1884.

S. R. BROWN, Esq.,—Dear Sir and Bro.,—Branch 26 has much pleasure in extending through the columns of the RECORD, to all our C. M. B. A. Brothers, a cordial New Year's greeting.

Among the latest accessions to our ranks here are Mr. Jeremiah Coffey, President of the Catholic Young Men's Literary Academy, and Mr. Bernard Tansey, than whom no other citizen is better or more favorably known to the Irish Catholic population of the city.

Chancellor Finn and President O'Brien have been busy with Temperance Society affairs in the east end, during the past week.

I regret to have to admit that thus far the progress of the C. M. B. A. has not been all that could be desired, nor even as much as we might reasonably hope for. This is particularly true of the ast four months, and applies, as far as I can see, not only to Montreal in particular, but in a great measure to the whole Canadian membership. Now, it is most desirable that with the beginning of the New Year, our affairs should not be allowed to remain thus in *statu quo*, but that a vigorous and united effort should be made to remove all existing obstacles, and push on the good work of extending our organization to many thousands who are eager to participate in its benefits were they satisfied as to the impartiality of its administration, and the solvency of its finance. It is therefore a pertinent question to ask, what is the cause of the present inactivity? I can answer for this locality. The RECORD has many readers in the city and Province who have watched with interest the discussion in regard to financial separation from the United States which was carried on in its columns last summer, and it is no unusual thing for us to be asked by non-members such questions as, when are you going to effect a financial separation from the United States? When is the Supreme Council going to make the requisite deposit with the Canadian Government? And many others of a kindred nature. I have looked in vain for any hope from the official organ of the Supreme Council, as that journal has not a word to say about the "Special Session," nor in fact about anything else in connection with the C. M. B. A. in Canada. The idea of a *reserve fund*, which was *shelved* by the Supreme Council, is, I consider, too important a matter to be lost sight of. I mention it now, not with a view to its present discussion, but trust that it will not be overlooked after the present difficulty has been definitely settled. In this connection I might mention that a New York mutual concern, which is doing a vigorous business here, and at premium rates, which are as low as our own, has notified the public that it will deposit $50,000 with the government immediately after the annual meeting in January. I do not write thus to discourage anybody, or to dampen the ardour of any C. M. B. A. worker; on the contrary I have no doubt that there is enough of energy, talent and business ability in our officers to protect our interests in every respect, but it cannot be accomplished by resting on our oars and allowing things to drift at "their own sweet will." There is, to my mind, just two ways out of the present situation. In the first place let the supreme council make the required deposit with our government, if they still wish to retain our connection; and, secondly, if the necessary deposit is not forthcoming, then there is no alternative left but to demand separation, in conformity with the laws of this country. And it should be our immediate duty to ascertain what action, if any, the supreme council intends to take in this matter. The present action of our government has for its object the protection of the rights of its subjects, and there is nothing in the measure, and nothing in our desiring to place ourselves in accord with it, at which our American Brothers can reasonably take offence, as it is purely a business transaction, of which they have had notice in ample time to prepare for the contingency.

Yours fraternally,
J. J. KANE, Rec. Sec. Branch 26.

FROM NIAGARA FALLS.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 18, Niagara Falls, held on the 5th inst., the following resolutions were moved by Chan. Quillinan, seconded by first Vice-President P. Kelly, and passed unanimously:

Whereas, we have just learned with feelings of the most profound sorrow of the death of James McAndrew, one of our most esteemed brothers, snatched away in the prime of early manhood, after a very brief but painful illness—and

Whereas, our deceased brother possessed in a very high degree all those sterling qualities which rendered him the idol of his family circle and a special favorite, not only of all the members of our Branch, but with all who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Resolved, that this Branch do now adjourn its session until our next regular meeting, as an act of respect to our deceased brother; that our members do attend his funeral in a body, and that our charter be draped with mourning for the next thirty days.

Resolved, that the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of this Branch be tendered to the afflicted parents and relatives of deceased, trusting that a merciful Providence will soothe the anguish of their sorrow and strengthen them to bear their affliction.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the parents of our deceased brother; also, that they be entered in our minutes, and published in Niagara Falls Review, and the CATHOLIC RECORD, London.

WM. BURKE,
Rec.-Sec. of Branch No. 18.

The funeral obsequies of the late Brother McAndrew took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., under the auspices of the Branch. Shortly after nine o'clock over sixty members, including visiting brothers from Branches Nos. 1 and 2, N. Y. State, wearing appropriate mourning, marched from the hall to the family residence of deceased. Here they entered two by two and took a last view of their departed brother, their moistened cheeks showing how fondly and tenderly deceased had been cherished by his brother members. On such occasions the parting scene of relatives and friends is touching in the extreme. We have witnessed many such; yet, on no previous occasion did we experience such an overpowering sense of sorrow and sympathy as we did while the parents and friends of deceased were taking their last farewell of his mortal remains. It seemed as if the agonies of a lifetime had been crowded into a few moments of time. Conspicuous amongst the many floral tributes of respect were a beautiful cross from a young lady friend, a handsome pillow of flowers presented by Rec. Secy. W. Burke, and a magnificent and costly arch, "The Gates Ajar," procured by the branch from Buffalo. The pall-bearers were brothers W. Burke, M. O'Neil, P. O'Neil, M. McMahon, W. McMahon and Jas Abbott, all school-mates and companions of deceased. As a mark of greater respect the society decided that the pall bearers and members attending the funeral should accompany the hearse on foot. The floral tributes of respect were carried in procession from the family residence to the church, where a solemn requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Father Dominic, at ten o'clock. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, without affording accommodation to all attending the funeral. After Mass Father Dominic spoke in a highly eulogistic manner of the virtues of deceased, whose strong faith, earnest piety and exemplary demeanour he commended to other young men as a worthy model for their imitation. He also took occasion to speak in very flattering terms of the good being accomplished by the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. The display made by the branch on the present occasion deserved the highest encomiums, and would undoubtedly bring its merits more prominently before the public. After the conclusion of the service, the funeral cortege started for the new cemetery, on the outskirts of the town, and occupying a beautiful location. Here the pastor performed the last rites of the church, and the

"Loved one was gently laid at rest."

Brother McAndrew was not quite 21 years of age, being one of the first members to join the Branch after its organization in 1882. He had been employed as fireman on the Can. Southern Division of the M. C. Ry., and on visiting his parents at Christmas, was suffering from a cold. His symptoms grew worse assuming a malarial typhoid type, which finally resulted in inflammation of the bowels. All the skill of his medical attendants proved unavailing. His sufferings were so severe that he regarded death as a welcome release. His deathbed scene was a most edifying one. He had the happiness of being surrounded by tender and affectionate parents, brothers and sisters anxious to anticipate each want and wish to mitigate his sufferings. His brother members of our noble association were constantly in attendance to manifest their sympathy and render any assistance in their power. Our worthy pastor was a frequent visitor at the bedside, administering to deceased all the comforts and consolations of our holy religion. Notwithstanding his youthful aspirations and bright dreams of the future, our late Brother was fully resigned to meet his Maker and Redeemer. He might well exclaim:

"O! death where is thy sting,
O! grave where is thy victory."

The family and relatives of deceased have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

List of officers and members of Branch No. 29, C. M. B. A., for the year 1885:—President, F. R. E. Campeau; Chancellor, F. H. Valade; 1st Vice-President, L. J. Beland; 2nd Vice-President, Chas. Desjardins; Recording Secretary, L. Laframboise; Ass't. Recording Secretary, A. P. E. Panet; Treasurer, A. J. St. Pierre; Financial Secretary, A. Benoit; Marshall, Jos. Cote; Guard, M. Thibault. Trustees, 1885, V. Laporte, Aime Beliveau; Trustees, 1885-86, C. O. Dacier, E. D'Auteuil, George Robitaille. The President appointed, according to the right invested in him by the constitution, Mr. F. H. Valade, Chancellor; Messrs. M. Valin, Pouliot and Smith, members of the finance committee, and Messrs. P. St Jean, A. C. Larose and F. Moffet, members of the grievance committee. Remaining members of Branch No. 29: Alfred Garneau, L. C. Prevost, J. O. Charlebois, N. E. Landrian.

L. LAFRAMBOISE,
Rec. Sec. Branch No. 29, Ottawa.

List of officers of Branch No. 27, Petrolia, for the year 1885:—Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Father McAuley; President, Arthur Kavanagh; 1st vice, Wm. Anderson; 2nd vice, Matthew White; Recording secretary, John Nelson; Assistant do., Wm. J. Hanifan; Financial do., Wm. Gleeson; Treasurer, C. H. McCall; Marshal, Thomas Nelson; Guard, Jos. Kennedy; Trustees, John Nelson, Matthew White, Wm. Anderson, Wm. J. Hanifan, Wm. Gleeson.

FROM PORTAGE DU FORT.

At a competitive examination held on Monday, the 22nd ult., between the pupils of the R. C. separate school of the village of Bryson and the Catholic Academy of Portage du Fort, the following pupils passed a very creditable and successful examination and gained prizes in the order of merit, the pupils of the Academy of Portage du Fort, however, bearing away the first prize, awarded by Rev. Mr. Brunet, P. P. of Portage du Fort, as a test prize between the two schools for general proficiency. The following won first test prize: Mary Everell and Tinna White of Portage du Fort Academy, *ex aquo*, having obtained 280 points out of 293 possible marks. Special prizes for individual excellence: Maggie Shea of the Bryson School, 277; 2nd prize, Hariot Everell, Etta Roney, Chessa Toner, Ann McDonald of Portage du Fort, *ex aquo*, 273 marks. The following deserve honorable mention: Wm. O'Meara 268, Maggie O'Meara 265, of the Bryson school, and Kate Toner of Portage du Fort.

A general examination of the pupils of the Academy of Portage du Fort took place on the following day, showing most satisfactory results in the advancement made by all the pupils in the different branches of studies required for the carriculum of a classical academy, including the Greek and Latin classics. For the short period the academy has been in operation the result of the examination reflects the greatest credit alike on the teachers and pupils and augurs well for the future success of the institution, but recently established by the commendable energy and enterprise of the Catholics of Portage du Fort.

Turn the greatest trouble round, and you may find joy on the other side.

Written for The Record.

Happy New Year, 1885.

The sun extends his golden wand
O'er landscape, tree and tower;
Ten thousand gems of silver sheen
Crown mountain, vale and bower,
And crystal Heavens spread o'er all
A canopy so fair;
While merry chimes so sweet and wild
Vibrate the bracing air.

We soon catch up the tuneful notes,
With joy each heart is rife;
Melodious murmurs greet the dawn
Of eighteen eighty-five.
The cords of loving hearts vibrate
With wishes fond and true;
They're blended now with light and shade
As they their course pursue.

To find an echoing response
From those they hold most dear;
Whose every grief they make their own,
Whose every joy they share.
Affections warm for parents loved,
We carefully enshrine,
Where wishes, far too deep for words,
Close round our hearts entwine.

But while we view the floods of light
That crown the sweet New Year,
We also see the distant clouds
Which soon may hover near.

But would it prudent be
To drive each darkling cloud away?
Forgetting that bright silver sheets
Behind them hidden lay.
Is not the sunshine milder far
When shining through a tear,
Than when it bursts in all its strength
In noonday splendor clear?

The sweetest charms of nature blend
When rain and shower combine;
So sorrows doth enlarge the heart
Each joy serene, refine.
For is not joy's rare crystal stream
More soft and gentle made
When its golden sands contrasted are
With many a sylvan shade?

How can I then, my parents dear,
Wish joys more calm and pure
Than those which flow beneath the cross,
Sylvatic shades secure?
Those tinged with the most precious drops
Which from His side di flow,
Whose beauty most transcendant
In eternity shall glow.

On this bright stream for you may sport
Full many a silver spray,
And every cloud that hovers nigh
In sunshine melt away.
In tears of sorrow soft may play
Each lovely rainbow hue,
Which sweeter charms far shall lend
Than skies of faintest blue.

May many years succeed in peace
This New Year Eighty-five,
Until you shall mid joys most pure
In courts above arrive.

THE SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

RESULT OF THE PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS IN THE SEVERAL CLASSES.

The result of the examinations for promotion in the several departments of the R. C. separate schools of this city is appended:—

SENIOR BOYS' DEPARTMENT.—Samuel R. Brown, teacher.

From 2nd to 1st division (375 points required)—Charles Masuret, 450; John S. Brown, 450; William Dewan, 425; Frank Coles, 420; John Welsh, 415; David Welsh, 415; Richard Conway, 410; John Daly, 400.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS' DEPARTMENT.—From 1st division (Sister Juliana's room) to 2nd division (Mr. Brown's room)—300 points required—Charles Hart, 370; Robert Collins, 340; John Conroy, 304; Frank Kelley, 305.

From 1st division (Sister Teresa's room) to 2nd division (Mr. Brown's room)—Fred. Durkin, 410; Michael Carney, 415; John Kennedy, 415.

SENIOR GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.—Sister F. De Sales, teacher.

From 2nd to 1st division—May Tillman, Louisa Redmond, Jennie Lewis, Lauretta Collison, Kate McInnis, Mary Pendergast, Maggie Coyne, Teresa Shea, Christina McInnis.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.—From 1st division (Sister Mechtilde's room) to 2nd division (Sister F. De Sales' room)—Maggie McNiff, Loda Benanatti, Minnie Mechan.

From 1st division (Sister Teresa's room) to 2nd division (Sister F. De Sales' room—Alice McCracken, Mary Watson, Charlotte Carty, Rose Fitzgerald.

HYMENEAL.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review, Jan. 9th.

A very pleasant ceremony took place at the residence of Mrs. E. O'Neill on Tuesday morning, Dec. 30th, the marriage of her daughter Martha to W. F. George, agent of the C. P. R. at Innerkip. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Carlin, of the R. C. church, Woodstock. The bride was elegantly attired in a travelling suit of Australian dove. Her ornaments were diamonds and rubies, presented by the groom. Miss Sarah O'Neill, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid; her dress corresponding with the bride's; ornaments of garnets and pearls. R. T. Mulvey, of Toronto, friend of the groom, acted as groomsman. The bride was the recipient of many costly and valuable presents. After the congratulations their many friends present retired to the dining hall and partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast. Martha will be missed from our midst, especially at our many entertainments, in which she always took an active part, with her pleasing songs and instrumental music. She was esteemed and loved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. The happy couple took the 9.30 train for Philadelphia and numerous other cities of the central States. That they may have much happiness and an uncloaded future is the wish of their many friends.

THE SCOTTISH CONCERT.—The attendance at the concert in aid of St. Peter' Cathedral, given in the Opera House last night, was fair, but a more enthusiastic and applausive gathering has seldom assembled within the walls of this popular place of entertainment. The evening was a triumph to Mr. J. Dromgole, who has never been heard to better advantage in this city. Each of his selections was encored. Miss Ella Cole was treated likewise, her rendition of "Caller Herrin" and "Whistle and I'll Come to You, my Lad" being worthy of very high praise. Miss Ella Murray scored a success in her songs, and in response to an encore gave "Three Maids of Lea" in a spirited way. Mr. Rankin, of Woodstock, appeared in place of Mr. Charles Dickenson. His first selection, "March of the Cameron Men," was not suited to his voice, but he amply redeemed himself in his second selection, "O a' the Airs," which fully deserved the approval it received. The dancing of the junior Caledonians was a pleasing feature of the programme, and the duets of little Maud and Blanche Cruickshank were most favorably received. The accompanist was Mrs. John Cruickshank, Mr. Moon playing the bagpipes for the dancing. The Committee are to be congratulated on the success of the excellent entertainment provided and the manner in which the programme was carried out.—Free Press, Saturday, Jan. 9.

MARKET REPORT.

LONDON.

Wheat—Spring, 1 15 to 1 20; Delhi, per 100 lbs, 1 18 to 1 20; Democrat, 1 20 to 1 20; Clawson, 1 10 to 1 20; Red, 1 10 to 1 20. Oats, 80c to 82c. Corn, 90c to 1 00. Barley, 90c to 1 15. Peas, 90c to 95c. Rye, 90c to 90. Clover seed, 5 00 to 6 00. Timothy Seed, 1 75 to 2 25. Flour—Pastry, per cwt, 2 25 to 2 25; Family, 2 00 to 2 00. Oatmeal, Fine, 2 00 to 2 25, Granulated, 2 25 to 2 25. Cornmeal, 1 75 to 2 00. Shorts, ton, 16 00 to 18 00. Bran, 12 00 to 14 00. Hay, 7 50 to 9 50. Straw, per load, 2 00 to 3 05. Butter—pound rolls, 18c to 22c; crock, 16c to 20c; tubs, 14c to 18c. Eggs, retail, 22c to 23c; basket 20c to 22c. Cheese, lb., 11½ to 12c. Lard, 11 to 12c. Turnips, 20c to 25c. Turkeys, 75 to 2 00. Chickens, per pair, 40c to 60c. Ducks, per pair, 50 to 80c. Potatoes, per bag, 30c to 40c. Apples, per bag, 30 to 50c. Onions, per bushel, 60 to 80c. Dressed Hogs, per cwt, 5 25 to 5 75. Beef, per cwt, 4 00 to 6 00. Mutton, per lb, 6c to 7c. Lamb, per lb. 8c to 9c. Hops, per lb. 20c to 25c. Wood, per cord, 4 75 to 5 00.

LOCAL NOTICES.

J. J. GIBBONS desires to inform his customers and the public that during next thirty days the balance of winter stock of dry goods will be offered at cost price and under for cash.

L. C. LEONARD is positively selling off his stock of crockery, glassware, lamps, chandeliers, etc., cheaper than at any other house in London. Note the place—Opposite City Hotel, Dundas street.

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LONDON, ONTARIO.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF the members of above Company will be held in their rooms, Victoria Buildings, Richmond street, on Wednesday, 28th inst., at one o'clock p.m., when a report of the past year will be submitted and the election of Directors for ensuing year proceeded with.

A. MCCORMICK, President.
P. F. BOYLE, Sec.-Treas.
14th January, 1885.

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10 U. S. Greenbacks of $100	1,000	1,000 Gent's Pocket Knives	1,000
1 Nickel plated Columbia Bicycle	150	1,000 U. S. Greenbacks of $1 each	1,000
1 Grand Square Piano	800	10 Gents' Gold Watches, English Movement	800
1 Grand Cabinet Organ	200	10 Ladies' " " " "	600
1 Three seat Rockaway	200	20 Boys' Silver " American "	200
1 Silver Dinner service	100	2 Solitaire Diamond Finger Rings	400
5 Top Buggies	1,000	3 Patent Harvesters	1,000
20 U. S. Greenbacks of $50 each	1,000	2,000 Elegant Art Gems	1,000
1000 Autograph Albums, $2 each	2,000	5 Raw Silk Parlor Silk Portaliers	1,000
2 Village Carts	200	1,400 Gold Finger Rings, Ladies' Breast Pins, Gents'	

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SEND TEN SUBSCRIBERS WITH $5.00 and we will send you 12 subscriptions and 13 receipts.

40 DAYS ONLY! This offer will hold good until February 22 only, as we shall limit the number of new subscriptions to 100,000, so we would advise all of our friends to forward subscriptions at an early date, as in no case will they be received later than February 22.

THE POULTRY KEEPER Is the best and ablest edited Poultry Paper in the country and already has a circulation of 50,000 copies, and requires only 40,000 more to have the desired number. It contains sixteen pages, beautifully illustrated. Tells how to make poultry pay.

500 STEM-WINDING WATCHES FREE.

In order that we may positively get the 40,000 more subscribers required by the 22d of February, the publisher has bought 500 Stem-winding Watches, and these 500 Watches will be given away to the first 500 people who answer this advertisement. If you send us 50 cents you will be entitled to one of these old, well known and reliable watches and one receipt good for one present. These watches are warranted to be good time-keepers.

We will print in full in the February issue of THE POULTRY KEEPER the names and addresses of the winners of the 500 Stem-winding Waterbury Watches. This offer is bona fide and will be carried out to the letter. Send now, don't wait.

THE POULTRY KEEPER Is well established, having already 60,000 subscribers, and is backed by ample capital, so could not afford otherwise. Undoubtedl some who read this new departure will think an offer to give away $20,000 in presents is most unreasonable and unprofitable; but let us say to all such persons that it costs anywhere from $25,000 to $100,000 to secure a large circulation to a paper. We know of a publisher that spent $50,000 in one week in giving away free copies and advertising his papers, and the money was well spent, for it secured for him an established circulation that paid good interest on the investment. Publishing nowadays must either be done on an extensive scale or not at all. It costs just as much for matter, and just as much for illustrations, electrotypes, editorial service, rent, and for setting up the type for a paper of 100 circulation as it does for a paper with 100,000 circulation. On small editions each one of the above items swells the cost of a single paper alarmingly, but on large editions the expense is spread over many thousands and is almost entirely lost. Thus you see that large profits can be made only by doing a large business. This is precisely what we propose doing with THE POULTRY KEEPER. We will send a Printed List of the Awards free, and all presents will be forwarded to holders of receipts as they may direct. OUR OLD PATRONS AND BUSY READERS, whom we know by thousands, should go to work at once and help us to increase our list, by this grand and generous offer.

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