## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE CANAGAN:

Bar Sir and Bro - From the absence of communications in THE CANADIAN f om members of our Association, nany of whom are men of letters and competent to discuss intelligently mat ters of interest to members of the C B A., one would infer that Tile. Carabian is not being read, or that we prefer to let our interest in the affairs of the Association smoulder until the convention. As it seems to be in order, in this year of grace, the to review the progress made in the past, and to speculate on the changes and improvements that may be made in the approaching twentieth century, it might not be out of place here to remind our members that some of the amendments to the constitution that no doubt will be presented for consideration at the next convention to be held during the first year of the next century, may be of great importauch to our Association. humble opinion all proposed amend ments affecting the beneficiary fund law should be presented for consideration by the branches or in THE CANA MAN during this year. At the risk of being considered "fresh," I will sub mit a few changes that seem to me to be necessary to the vital part of our Association — the increasing of our membersh.p. Any member who has given much thought to the subject of organizing, and has watched our efforts in that direction, must be convinced that so far they have been little better than a failure. If there is not sufficient money paid into the Grand Council by the branches in per-capita tax to efficiently maintain the Grand Council and to defray the expenses of advertising that should be done, and of prosecuting such a vigorous canvass as is necessary to order to increase our membership by a substantial number each year, then let all the initiation fees go to the Grand Council-except of charter members of new branches. Our average initiations per month in Cutario should not be less than 100 At a reasonable estimate there must be about 30 000 eligible Catholics in this The average in the Pro-Province. vince of Quebec ought to reach 150. But we might just as well send a mute to convert the Mohammedans as to send an Organizer to the Province of Quebec without some assistance from the press of that Province, where we have to compete with such progressive fraternal organizations as Independent Order of Foresters. Their average initiations, per month, in Quebec, for the twelve mouths, ending 1st August last, was 213. The The next matter to which we should give some careful counideration is While system of paying assessments I prefer our present system as being the cheapest and safest, still it does not seem to be the one that commends itself to the uninitiated. In order to compete successfully with the other fraternal organizations, we must be in a position to say exactly how much ir will cost per month for \$1 (k),) or 82,000 at a cestain ago. Tao next question I respectfully submit, for ection, by the members of the C. M. B. A. is-I faucy I hear some braves kicking aiready-the advisibility of admitting women to member-Being in a position recently to ship. get the information, I took the trouble to ascertain whether many of our Cathmen were members of one of the societies into which they are admitted, and was comewhat surprised,

not so much at the number who were members, but to find there many I did not expect ever gave life insurance a thought. I was informed Catholic women were initiated in their own houses, and paid their assessments and dues there. The points that will naturally suggest themselves to our minds in connection with this question are: Are women good risks : lithev are good enough risks for the straight life companies, for the ludependent Order of Foresters, for the Ancient Older of Foresters, and for the Home Circle, why are they not good enough for the C.M. B. A. What have we to tear from the presence of Catholic women in our Assertation? Would it net be a benefit to have women in our branches? Will men not naturally prefer the societies into which mothers, sisters, wives and daughters are admitted 4

Cau we successfully compete for membership with fraternal organizations into which our Catholic women are admitted if we continue to exclude them? I believe the C. M. B. A. stop short of its mission of amelioration if it fails to provide for the admission of women at least those who are "bread winners

Yours fraternally, J. C. O NEU .

Brantford, Feb. > 1900.

## BRANCH NO 90, PICTON, ONT.

To Major F. P. Horrigan, I. N. W. M.

The officers and members of St. Gregory's Branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association desire to tender their hearty congratulations for you having received the very important appointment of inspector of the North West Mounted Police, and also to express the sentiment of regret that each and every one of ... feel at your early departure from amongst us.

When the official announcement was made and your name appeared in the Canada Gazette, the official organ of the Dominion Government, the hearts of each and every one of us were filled with delight, but when we came to give it our cam consideration we seemed to realize how true the remark "that there is no joy but what has its tinge This is the sentiment which fills our bearts individually and collectively in addressing you this evening. As a member of our great Catholic society we have learned to ecteem and admire your sterling abilities, always foremost in advancing the good work which has been the aim of our society in this town and county, viz.. 'plety, integrity and frugality. In educational matters you have distinguished yourself, having held the position of High School Trustee for a great number of years, and your work in connection with that important body has stamped you as one of the most efficient members that ever sat at that board.

As a member of St. Gregory's congregation your position will not be easy to fi l, your valuable assistance in all important matters in connection with the parish gratuitously given will never be forgotten, and many will be the prayers and supplications which will be poured forth to the Throne of Divine Mercy from the members of the flock you are leaving that Aimighty God may shower His choicest blessings, and that He may long spare you to fill the important office which you are so eminently fitted for. You are particularly bonored this evening by the presence of our highly gifted | kora, member of Branch 254, supple

Spiritual Advisor, Hev Father Twohey The metry will never torget his kind ness in showing this mark of respect to you and to the branch this evening As a brother, we wish you God speed, and as we are about to grasp your hand and say tarewell we will never forget the many happy hours which we spent to your gental company to wish to say that wherever duty calls you, who her it be on the shores the banks of the majest. Assumbonne. have truer or more steadlast, nes than those you seave behind in this grand den of Outarto

We ask you to accept this gift as a remembrane of your association with us, and sinceres, h po and pray that you will never have to use it in self RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE defence

Signed on behalf of the branch.

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## C. M. B A. LECTURE.

St. Mary's Branch 191, C M B A. Kensington, P. E. I., now feels satts hed that the best way to secure new members is to have the beneff s of the Association discussed in open meeting At the request , the branch, Grand Deputy Bro James Melsanc, editor and proprietor it the Charlottetown Herald, on January at, in the half at Indian River, delivered an elequent, comprehensive and instructive recture on the C. M. B A.

Bro John T. Mullin presided in his usual efficient manner and introduced the lecturer in some very pointed and appropriate remarks.

The lecturer carefully explained what are the essential elements of a society, and clearly showed that the C. M. B A possesses these in a most emineut degree of perfection. Then he pointed out the relation in which many societies stand to the Caurch. whether tu communion or opposition, and the potent influence they have for good or for evil . man a natural adapt ability for society and the greater in fluence he wields when working through societies the power of exmachinery and advantages, the ort giu, growth and progress of the C. M. B.A., the securing by Canada of a separate Grand Council, its rapid growth and flourishing condition in Cauada and the grand future that must be in store for it, the superior over all existing societies, the truly fraternal existing societies, the truly traterial Summerance by f. Leaf in langer than every pinal premiums to long true the every small premiums to long true the every small second by the trained larger and second by the trained larger and unanimously to hordes of childs and agents and the Patrix Hammer and unanimously many other interesting and thoughtfu: potuts. He cosed with an animated His in new modern to can to the sternal reexportation to an young men in the ward or respected by the blank-lip narrab to be one members of Branch. parish to become members of Branch . "which, he proudly exclaimed. "A know, from efficial impection, to be among the torement successful branches to Canada

Tae burst of applause with which the large and enthusiasite audience greeted this concluding remark showed that the lecturer knows well how to use a convincing argument, and soon after the meeting several persons sig nifed their intention of applying for admission into Branch 254

Rev. J. J. McDoneld, P. P. Kin

mented the lecture with a pointed and impressive speech, in which he ou dorsed a that the Grand lisputy had said and clearly showed that the C A is the section for Catholics to min Rev. Mgr. trans and Hon. John A McDonald also spike in praise, of the many good qualties of the C B A A vote of thanks was tendered St Gregory's han, and before parting the secturer and gracefully acknowle ecged

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