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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

NOTES.

Officers of branches are reminded that the per capita tax, initiation tax and Supervising Medical Examiner's fees for the quarter ending September 30, 1898, are overdue, and should be paid without further delay.

See Sections 60, 147 and 176 of Constitution.

Our members will learn with regret that Rev. Father C. S. Bretherton, of Downeyville, will be unable to attend to his duties for some months in consequence of a painful mishap met with on Sunday afternoon, 25th Sept. last. While climbing an iron ladder the bolts securing it to the roof of the presbytery gave way, and he was precipitated to the ground, a distance of about twelve feet. When he tried to arise he found he was unable to walk, and on medical aid being summoned from Lindsay, it was discovered that both bones above the left ankle were broken, and that a dislocation existed as well.

We hope it will not be long before the Rev. Father is able to be around as usual.

Branch 26 will hold a series of seven social gatherings during the present season, the first of which was held on Wednesday, 28th Sept., and took the form of a progressive euchre party. The affair proved a success. There were over thirty tables and the playing was very spirited. The King prize was won by Mr. W. Wall, and Miss K. Ward, daughter of Chancellor Ward, carried off the Queen prize. The main object of these gatherings is to help in the increase of membership and the furtherance of a true spirit of friendship between the members and their families.

Branch 85 held one of its best meetings of the season on Monday, Sept. 19. The presence of so many suggested the question as to how members should be encouraged to attend more regularly.

The Fin. Sec. was requested to discourage the practice of members paying assessments outside regular branch meetings, and more particularly that of calling upon members who are never seen at a meeting. Delegate Dr McKenna presented an excellent report of the convention in Quebec. A committee was appointed to arrange for a smoking concert to be held in the early part of November.

A Grand reception under the auspices of Branch 9 C. M. B. A., in honor of Brothers Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, Archbishop of Kingston; Most Rev. Cornelius O'Brien, D. D., Archbishop of Halifax, Grand Spiritual Adviser, will take place in the Opera House, Kingston, on Tuesday, Oct. 18 1898, at 2:30 p. m. Addresses will be delivered by O. K. Fraser, Grand Chancellor, Brockville; Hon. M. F. Hackett, M. P., Grand President, Stanstead, Que.; J. Loughrin, M. P., Vice President, Mattawa; F. R. Latchford, Grand Solicitor, Ottawa; Hon. Wm. Harty, Com. Public Works, Kingston; Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General of Canada, Quebec; M. J. F. Quinn, M. P., Montreal; J. J. Foy, M. P., Toronto, and others. Visiting C. M. B. A. members and their friends and public generally are cordially invited to be present.

NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 299 was organized on August 20th, at Killaloe Station, Ont., by Grand Organizer W. P. Killackey. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. F. L. French.
 President, Stephen Ryan.
 First Vice President, Edward McGaghan.
 Second Vice President, Constantine Hazelton.
 Recording Secretary, William Ryan.
 Assistant Recording Secretary, William Sarsfield.
 Financial Secretary, John Gorman.
 Treasurer, John D. Fleming.
 Marshal, William Stack.
 Guard, Angus J. McDonnell.
 Trustees, Stephen Ryan, John O. Connor, Wm. A. George, Richard Manson, Martin F. Mullin.

THE ANGEL'S WHISPER.

A baby was sleeping, it's mother was weeping.
 For her husband was far on the wild raging sea;
 And the tempest was swelling round the fisherman's dwelling;
 And she cried, "Dermot, darling, O come back to me!"

The baby still slumbered, her beads while she numbered,
 And smiled on her face as she bended her knee:
 "O, blest be that warning, my child thy sleep's adorning,
 For I know that the angels are whispering to thee!"

"And while they are keeping bright watch o'er thy sleeping,
 O pray to them softly my baby with me,
 And say thou wouldst rather they'd watch o'er thy father,
 For I know that the angels are whispering to thee!"

The dawn of the morning saw Dermot re turning,
 His wife wept for joy her baby's father to see,
 And fondly caressing her child with a blessing,
 Saying, "I knew that the angels were whispering to thee!"

—Samuel Lover.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

"First, for your own sake—for the habits of regularity and thrift that it will inculcate; for the pecuniary benefits that you may derive from it; for the social advantages that it may offer.

"Second, for the sake of those depending on you—for the security to them in case of your illness, and for the money that will accrue to them in case of your death.

"Third, for the sake of the society—the more members it has, the more good it can do; the pleasanter its meetings are apt to be, the longer it is likely to last."—President McKinley.

BRING IN NEW MEMBERS.

It is an accepted fact that every day makes us older and brings us nearer the end of the journey. The old die, the young may. The river empties into the sea, and must, if its flow in undiminished volume is to continue, be fed by never falling streams. So with any association. The stream of life flows on. Death entails its losses. The most careful selection by medical examiners only defers, and does not avert the inevitable exit. The association that will live is the association that continuously restores the waste of time, by bringing in young men, and more young men than pass out by lapse or death of older men. The association that does

this will be as permanent as the human race. It will continue and flourish till the crack of doom. When that epoch will be reached the need of fraternal insurance will have passed away. Bring in new members, keep bringing them in, and the association will last while humanity exists.

WORK OR PAY FOR WORK.

That is one reason why the increase in fraternal beneficial societies is not greater. There are too many who are not in for the fraternal feature of the society; they like the beneficial portion because it is cheap. They do nothing; they would not know they were members if it were not for the paying of assessments.

There must be work done, and unless it is done by the members without pay the members will have to pay for having it done. There must be some plan adopted by which those who are willing to do their share of the work can receive some remuneration, and this must be paid by those who are in it because it is cheap. In other words, the work of the Order must become equally divided between its members, and those who do not do their share of the work must pay for having it done. Those who do not act in a fraternal spirit must not expect to receive fraternal treatment. If they join only for its money benefits do not give them anything except money benefits. Let fraternity and business both be shown in their true light, and we dare to say there would be more to appreciate the former than there are at present. How can all this be accomplished? Some say it is impossible. We do not think so. There are more ways than one to do it, but we will only mention one at present. Let the quarterly dues in the lodge be doubled and then allow each member to receive a rebate for each meeting attended, the balance not to be reduced below a certain amount. There will be other and better ways, but unless we have members who join it because they do something towards keeping it cheap they should find themselves obliged to pay an extra dollar occasionally for not doing anything. We do not favor fines, but putting the dues high and making an allowance for attendance at meetings and bringing in new members will, in our opinion, do a two-fold service, viz: make the attendance at meetings larger and increase the membership.—Fraternal Indicator.

Great weaknesses are often caused by temptations seemingly too slight to deserve notice.