

SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT

The claim made by the Grand Secretary of the C. M. B. A. of Canada against the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited, of London, Eng., through its agent, Mr. H. J. McKeon, Montreal, in respect of the defalcation of ex-Treasurer J. C. McKinnon, of Branch 218 C. M. B. A., New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, has been very satisfactorily and promptly settled. Mr. McKeon sent a cheque for \$91.51, the full amount of the claim, to Grand Secretary Brown, five days after the claim was properly established.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

We have lately received several anonymous letters, with a request that they be published in the next issue of THE CANADIAN.

A: the head of our editorial column is stated the following: "Anonymous letters and letters which the manager does not consider for the welfare of the Association will not be published."

To this regulation we intend to adhere strictly. If one brother wants to shoot at another from behind a hedge he cannot do so with THE CANADIAN'S gun. Our opinion is that our C. M. B. A. brothers have a right to know the name of the person who writes—to influence them. His personality should go along with his production. The man who has the courage to sign his letters, which he desires published, will always receive first consideration. Such letters are rendered doubly interesting and carry much greater weight than anonymous letters.

NOTES.

The CANADIAN wishes a loud C. M. B. A. Brothers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Recording Secretaries are requested to send us the list of Branch officers for 1900, as early this month as possible.

Branch officers who have been duly elected (if qualified, shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the month of January. Any officer who has been duly elected and notified thereof, failing to present himself for installation (unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable occurrence) may have the office to which he has been elected declared vacant by the installing officer. No officer shall be installed unless he has fully paid to his branch the amount of all dues or claims, of whatever nature, accrued.

As THE CANADIAN is the official organ of the C. M. B. A., and is, therefore, non-political, we cannot publish any article or letter of a political character, and we sincerely trust that branches or members will not send us any such letters for publication. Brothers, send us all the C. M. B. A. news you possibly can, but do not for-

get that our Association's official organ "knows no politics," and must not allow its space to be used to either praise or decry either political party in Canada.

WHAT OUR ORGANIZERS ARE DOING

Brother K. D. Organizer for Ontario, began work on 1st September last, and, up to 1st December, has organized five branches, as follows:

37 Kennett	11	1	1
39 Hession	16	1	1
32 Hallowell	16	1	1
35 Mount Carmel	11	1	1
32 Durham	11	1	1

His salary and expenses for the said three months amounted to

Salary	\$200.00
Expenses	150.00
Total	\$350.00

Brother Howison, Organizer for Quebec, from August 1st, 1899, to December 1st, has organized two branches, as follows:

31 St. John's	11	1	1
31 St. Joseph's	11	1	1

His salary and expenses for the said four months amounted to

Salary	\$200.00
Expenses	150.00
Total	\$350.00

Brother Howison seems to have extra difficulties to contend with. There are so many other organizations in that province which our Catholic people join, that the C. M. B. A. has very uphill work. To our members in other parts of Canada it certainly seems strange that our grand association is making such little progress in that almost entirely Catholic province of Quebec.

Brother J. H. Feeley, special C. M. B. A. canvasser for Montreal, brought in twenty-two members up to Dec. 1st. We are advised by Grand Deputy Costigan that Brother Feeley is working hard and even better results will follow presently. He gets \$3 for each member he brings in.

Brother F. MacDonald, Organizer for Nova Scotia, during the month of August organized two branches, as follows:

35 Westville	Aug.	1	1
36 Mulgrave	Aug.	1	1

During September he spent his time working up the membership of old branches. The large increase in the Amherst branch shows his work there. He resigned September 30th. His salary and expenses for the said two months amounted to:

Salary	\$100.00
Expenses	111.68
Total	\$211.68

Brother Johnson, Organizer for New Brunswick, from August 1st, 1899, to December 1st, has organized five branches, as follows:

34 Shippegan	Sept.	1	1
33 Richibucto Village	Oct.	1	1
31 St. Basil	Oct.	1	1
32 St. Leonard	Oct.	1	1
35 Campbellton	Nov.	1	1

His salary and expenses for the said four months amounted to:

Salary	\$200.00
Expenses	257.75
Total	\$457.75

Brother Johnson is at present working hard to increase the membership in Moncton. He says: "I have struck a Klondyke in Moncton and am very hopeful: will add no less than fifty new members to the C. M. B. A. branch here during the month of December."

MEETINGS ON SUNDAYS.

One of our Grand Deputies submits the following question, with the request that it be answered in THE CANADIAN by our Solicitor:

Is it legal to organize branches and install officers of the C. M. B. A. on Sundays? The Constitution says that meetings cannot be held on Sundays or legal holidays. When branches are organized is not the first meeting of such branches that takes place the organization of the branch and the installation of its officers? These are important proceedings, which ought not to take place on any day on which regular meetings cannot be held.

Will our Solicitor please answer—
E. J.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Branch 218, Courtright, Ont.
Nov. 20, 1899.

Samuel R. Brown, Grand Secretary.
Dear Sir and Brother—We beg to acknowledge to you receipt from Grand Treasurer of draft for \$200.00 for Mrs. Jane Zink, on death of her husband Joseph Zink.

We have delivered to Jane Zink the same and have taken receipts from her, duly signed and witnessed, which, with the order on Grand Treasurer, property endorsed, we have the pleasure to send you herein.

Thanking you for the same in the name of all concerned, we remain, dear sir,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,
JOHN F. CASSIN, Rec. Sec.
JAS. G. MURAN, P. P., Fin. Sec.

Recording Secretary Branch No. 1, Brantford, Ont.

Permit me to thank you for the prompt manner in which you have paid the insurance on my late husband, B. J. O'Neil.

Yours truly,
CATHERINE O'NEIL

Belleville, Nov. 11, 1899.

Edward McGinty, Sec. C. M. B. A.
Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of cheque from the C. M. B. A. for \$200.00, being the amount of policy on the life of my husband, the late David Callaghan.

It is with great pleasure that I express my thanks to you and the members of the local branch and I can assure you I greatly appreciate the promptness of payment that has been made by your Association, receiving as I did the cheque within two weeks from my husband's death.

AIRIE CALLAGHAN

Ottawa, Dec. 7th, 1899.

S. R. Brown, Esq., Grand Secretary C. M. B. A.

Dear Sir and Bro.—Madame Pinard and Bro. A. A. Pinard wish to convey through THE CANADIAN to the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada their sincere thanks for the satisfactory and prompt payment of the claim of the late Bro. Joseph A. Pinard, of Branch 29 Ottawa, Ont.

Yours fraternally,
I. LAFRANCOISE.

A cheerful temper, joined with innocence, will make beauty attractive, knowledge delightful and wit god-tattered.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP McDONALD

Condemns Other Societies Practices the C. M. B. A.

JAMES CHARLES McDONALD, Bishop of Charlottetown, in the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Charlottetown, health and jurisdiction in the Law.

Dear Sir and Brother—We are now approaching the end of the nineteenth century—a century that has witnessed many and striking events in the history of our country. In opening years found our holy Church bound down by penal laws and bloody statutes its closing years find her enjoying the fullest measure of civil and religious liberty. How fervently we should thank God Who thus watches over His Church, and by unseen ways turns everything to her greatest good. Religious persecution for us has practically ceased. The mother country no longer legislates against the Church Bishops and priests may now exercise their sacred functions, untrammelled save by the laws that give liberty to our common citizenship. What! all this is true, can we say that there is to menace or danger for Holy Church? Are there not other evil influences continually striving to arrest her in her work of gaining souls to God? It is unfortunately too true, that there are perverse agencies at work impeding the onward progress of God's holy Church, of these agencies secret societies hold the most prominent place. By devious ways they labor to undermine the influence of the Church, by leading the minds of men away from obedience to lawful authority. This great evil has not escaped the watchful eye of our Holy Father the Pope. Early in his pontificate the illustrious pontiff issued an encyclical letter, by which secret societies are most emphatically condemned. Not content with condemning Freemasonry and kindred associations, the great Pope goes further and says: "There are various sects of men, which, though in name, rites, form, and origin, they differ, yet in sameness of aim and likeness of first principles they are bound together, really thereby agree with the Masonic sect, which forms for all a common centre whence all proceed, and to which all return. Though they, just now, seem very much to have cast off the garb of secrecy, and hold their meetings before the eyes of the world, and even have their own daily press, when we look into the matter we find that they still retain all the characteristics of secret societies. Now dearly beloved brethren, we have many such societies in our midst, and we notice with alarm and regret, that Catholics sometimes enroll themselves under their banner. Perhaps, without realizing the danger to which they are exposed, they allow themselves to become members; because, they expect some social or pecuniary assistance from their membership. Let it not be said, by way of extenuation that these societies, which we refer have not the formal condemnation of the Church, is true, they are not formally condemned, but on the other hand they are not approved, and Mother Church always looks with suspicion on fraternal societies that are beyond her control. For this reason Pope Leo XIII, gloriously reigning, cheerfully blessed the general intention of the League of the Sacred Heart for last