

## THE IRISH CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.



THIS Association, as its name implies, is intended for practical Catholics, age limit 15-45 years, who in sickness and in trouble help one another, paying a weekly benefit, usually \$4.00, to sick members and in case of death a funeral benefit of \$100. It is the ambition of the Association to have a branch in every parish so that a member can find, everywhere, brothers ready to help him in sickness and to give his remains Christian burial in death.

A system of Travelling and Withdrawal Cards exists in the Association which ensures to members everywhere the rights and privileges of membership in all branches. These cards are recognized by the branches of the I. C. B. U. and the German Roman Catholic Central Union in the United States.

The object and aims of the Association, which was incorporated in 1883, are thus set forth:

"To form a union of the Catholic people of Canada for their common interests; also for the establishment of libraries and lectures, and to counsel and direct the members of the Association in the way best calculated to ensure to them a firm, lasting and independent position in this country; and while doing so to instil within them an everlasting love for the birthplace of their forefathers; and to always remind them of the love and veneration which we owe to Holy Mother Church, and at all times and under all circum-

stances to assist a fellow Catholic in the hour of affliction."

Conventions are held yearly; that for 1895 will be in Toronto, Monday, May 13th. At the last Convention held in Cobourg, 1894, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Grand President and Solicitor—C. J. McCabe, B.A., Toronto.  
1st Vice-President—P. Delanty, Cobourg.  
2nd Vice-President—Miss M. Harding, Toronto.  
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Lavioie, Paris.  
Grand Secretary and Organizer—P. Shea, Toronto. (P. O. Box 395).  
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. E. M. Browe, Toronto.  
Auditors—E. J. Maguire and J. J. McCarthy, Toronto.

### LOCAL BRANCHES.

Irish Catholic Beneficial Association, Toronto, organized Jan., 1860, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in I.C.B.A. Hall, corner King and Jarvis sts., at 8 p.m. Secretary, H. J. McQuillan, P. O. Box 395.  
Catholic Celtic League, Toronto, April, 1886. Alternate Mondays at 8 p.m., in I.C.B.A. Hall, Bathurst st. Secretary, Owen Lynch, 69 Mitchell ave.  
St. Agnes Beneficial Society, Toronto, January, 1894 (Ladies), 1st and 3rd Mondays in I.C.B.A. Hall, corner King and Jarvis sts. at 8 p.m. Secretary, Mrs. Greer, 3 Widmer st.  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Beneficial Society, Toronto, April, 1894—alternate Tuesdays at 8 p.m., in I.C.B.A. Hall, Bathurst st. Secretary, Miss Susie Kelly, 37 Defoe st.  
St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, Hamilton, September, 1888. Secretary, John Rankin, corner King and Dundurn sts.  
Emerald Beneficial Society, Cobourg, July, 1890. Secretary, J. J. Gormely.  
St. Mary's Beneficial Society, Cobourg, August, 1894 (Ladies). Secretary, Miss E. O'Connor.  
O'Connell Beneficial Society, Port Hope, November, 1890. Secretary, M. J. O'Neill.  
St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, Galt, June, 1890. Secretary, T. P. Skelly.  
Sacred Heart Beneficial Society, Paris, November, 1888. Secretary, E. J. Stapleton.  
Young Irishmen's Catholic Beneficial Society, Kingston. Secretary, P. Miln, care of *Canadian Freeman*.  
St. Gertrude Beneficial Society, Kingston (Ladies). Secretary, Miss M. O'Neill, Sydenham st.

## EMERALD BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.



THE EMERALD BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION was conceived, founded and formed by the Rev. A. D. Finan, of St. Peter's Church, Reading, Penn., in 1864, and three years later it was organized in the City of Hamilton, Ontario. "The object and design of said Association, as a beneficial and literary organization is to promote the spread of the great fundamental principles of Faith,

Hope and Charity, and brotherly love, and the advancement of literature, science and virtuous practices amongst its members." The E. B. A. is a strictly Catholic Association composed of respectable Catholics of all Nationalities and Races

between the ages of 17 and 50 years (male and female) regardless of social rank or intellectual capacity of applicants for membership. It provides free medical attendance and medicine to members who are sick and a Funeral Benefit at death. It also provides an Insurance payable in case of total disability or death.

The Grand Branch was organized in the City of Hamilton, Nov. 22, 1876. At the annual Convention held in the City of London, Ont., May 4 and 5, 1892, it was decided to withdraw from the International Grand Branch and make the Association a Canadian Organization, and in compliance with the Insurance Act of Ontario the Grand Branch was Registered in 1892 and Incorporated in 1893 under the name and title of the Grand Branch of the Emerald Beneficial Association of