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## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

### THE GOOD WORK CONTINUES.

#### New Branches.

Branch No. 307 was organized on April 10th at Toronto Junction, Ont., by Grand Organizer W. P. Killackey. The following is the list of officers: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Wm Bergin, P. P. President, John P. Farrell. First Vice President, C. A. Kelly. Second Vice - President, William Moonen. Recording - Secretary, George E. Gendron. Assistant Secretary, Frank H. Stolte. Financial Secretary, James Burke. Treasurer, Peter Campbell. Marshal, James Fitzhenry. Guard, Bartholomew Devereux. Trustees, J. J. Daley, C. A. Kelly, Thomas J. McInerney, Chas. John Mental, Thomas E. Ward.

On Tuesday evening, 25th April, Branch No. 308 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada was instituted at Kingston Mills, Frontenac County, Ontario, by Organizer Killackey, when the following officers were elected and installed:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J. P. Keogh, P. P. Chancellor pro tem., James Mulvena. President, Alex. J. Martin. First Vice-President, Joseph Fowler. Second Vice-President, James Quinn. Recording-Secretary, John Abern. Assistant Recording - Secretary, James Briceland. Financial Secretary, James Moran. Treasurer, Edward Bradden. Marshal, Bernard Moran. Guard, Robert Sargent. Trustees, James Mulvena, Alex. Martin, Thomas J. Larkin, Thomas Doyle, Robert Sargent.

This promises to become a very live and successful branch, being composed of earnest workers and having the active co operation of Father Keogh, who has been most kind and helpful in its organization. The members also feel greatly indebted to Bros. Behan, Ryan, Leahy, Norris, Phelan, Daly, of Branch No. 9, as well as to Doctors Sullivan and Morrison, of Kingston.

Has the following reflection, which is of the greatest importance ever come to your mind?—Am I fit, am I worthy to pronounce the words, *Our Father?*—Abbe Gros.

## NOTES.

Brother Basil J. Johnson, of St. Louis, Kent County, N. B., has been appointed a C M B A. Organizer for the French districts of said province. Mr. Johnson was born in St. Louis, N. B., in 1860, received his early education at L'Ancten College there, graduated as a teacher at the Normal School, N. B., in 1885, and was a member of the Municipal Council in his parish for six years.

Brother A. W. Gannon, of Branch 303, Napanee, Ont., is anxious to secure a position as salesman or storeman in a furniture establishment. He is thoroughly conversant with the work of shipper, packer and salesman in the furniture line. His address is Box 339, Napanee, Ont.

The C. M. B. A. is not a charity society. It is a business insurance society. As such it should not tolerate its branches "to go a begging" to the detriment of public charity and good works. Its self-respect should prevent this.

At times to increase membership, misrepresentations have been made as to the cost of insurance, thereby creating dissatisfaction and doing real damage. Tell applicants plainly what it will cost. There are still foolish people in the world, who imagine that they can buy the world for a cent. Undecelve such, and have them take policies only for the amount they feel able to pay promptly. Doing this will avoid a lot of trouble. Decisions in spiritual affairs belong where the constitution has placed them. Leave them there. Let no branch tolerate a member who will endeavor to correct the Spiritual Adviser by resolution, or otherwise, in branch meetings.

This Association cannot afford to have a single priest against it. From a business point of view, it could better afford to lose a dozen members, than forfeit the approbation of one priest. There is no reason for either, however; the constitution provides for all difficulties which may arise, if it would only be followed.

## Initiations Reported in April, 1899.

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Br.	Initiated Members
Deer into Ont	1
Pictou Ont	1
Kingston Ont	1
Grace Bay N. B.	1
Montreal Que	1
Hamilton Ont	1
Mount St. Patrick Ont	1
Blackville N. B.	1
Belleville Ont	1
St. Norbert Man	1
Hamilton Ont	1
Waterloo Ont	1
Ottawa Ont	1
Port Lambton Ont	1
Winnipeg, Man.	1
Ayton Ont	1
Lindsay Ont	1
Moncton N. B.	1
Nicolet Que	1
Chatham, N. B.	1
Charlottetown P. E. I.	1
Souris East, P. E. I.	1
Brandon, Man	1
Tignish, P. E. I.	1
Palmer Road, P. E. I.	1
Napanee, Ont	1
Sarnia, Ont	1
Berlin, Ont	1
Cornwall, Ont	1
Tecumseh, Ont	1
New Germany, Ont	1
Harris, Ont	1
St. Agatha, Ont	1
Orillia, Ont	1
Trenton, Ont	1
Penetanguishene, Ont	1
Montreal, Que	1
Renfrew, Ont	1
Cobourg, Ont	1
Joliette, Que	1
Calgary, N. W. T.	1
Halifax, N. S.	1
Montreal Que	1
La Salette, Ont	1
Halifax, N. S.	1
Winnipeg, Man	1
Newcastle, N. B.	1
Fairville, N. B.	1
Carleton Place, N. B.	1
Montreal, Que.	1
Edmonton, N. W. T.	1
Toronto, Ont	1
Montreal Que	1
Grand Falls, N. B.	1
Rat Portage, Ont	1
Owen Sound, Ont	1
Woodslee, Ont	1
Port William, Ont	1
Port Arthur, Ont	1
Montreal, Que	1
Jogefins Mines, N. S.	1
Orignal, Ont	1
Lethbridge, N. W. T.	1
Brewer's Mills, Ont	1
Truro, N. S.	1
Brandon, Man	1
St. Agathe, Ont	1
St. Joachim, Ont	1
Centerville, Ont	1
Toronto Junction Ont	1
Kingston Mills, Ont	1

Total N. B. - The initiations in the last two branches are charter members. Les initiations des deux dernières succursales sont des membres fondateurs.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

SARITA April 14, 1899. To the Officers and Members of Branch 7: Gentlemen- I gratefully acknowledge the receipt, through your Recording Secretary, of a cheque for \$2.00, being the amount due on the life of my late husband.

Highly truly by your Association. Please express my deep gratitude to the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. for their prompt remittance and my sincere prayer is that God may bless your Association.

ASSOCIATE SECRETARY  
London, April 1899  
J. J. Landy Esq., Acting Rec. Sec. Branch 19 City  
Dear Sir- I go through your branch to thank the officers and members of Branch 19 C. M. B. A. for their many acts of kindness towards my late husband. He was kind and my self and family during his illness for their grand turn out at his funeral obsequies and for their prompt attention in regard to procuring from the order the burial benefit of \$5.00.

I also go leave through your branch to thank the Grand Council for the prompt payment of the said \$5.00. My husband fully appreciated all that was done for him by Branch 19 and I requested me before he died not to forget to thank the officers and members. I should have done so sooner, but you and they will appreciate how much I have been upset through the loss of my husband and I sincerely hope that this letter of thanks will be accepted in the spirit in which it is offered.

Wishing your noble order many years of success in the interests of the widows and orphans,  
I remain yours very truly  
MRS. THOMAS FRINDALE.

Montreal, March 11 1899.  
Mr. S. R. Brown Grand Secretary, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, London, Ont.

Sir and Brother- Enclosed you will find receipts from Maria McDonough, all duly signed as requested and hope they will be found correct. At the same time kindly accept the sincere thanks of the relatives of our late Brother Styles for the prompt payment of said brother's claim.

Yours fraternally  
JOHN P. GUNNING,  
Rec. Sec. Branch 31

## BRANCH 47, ARTHUR ONT

Vote of Thanks to Miss Marguerite Dunn.

Moved by Bro. Dr. Coughlin, seconded by Bro. Lew Driscoll, and unanimously adopted, that the thanks of this branch be tendered Miss Marguerite Dunn, elocutionist, Toronto, for her assistance at our concert on the 31st January, and that this branch express to Miss Dunn our admiration of her elocutionary powers, and we cordially recommend her to any branch of the C. M. B. A. as one who easily takes first place as an elocutionist and entertainer.

The present life of the Christian is often like the climbing of a steep and narrow stairway, with little outlook on either side to brighten or enliven the ascent. But with patience, hopefully on; the stairway leads to a glorious palace.