

Representative to Convention - Dr. Macdonald.

Before the session was brought to a close, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Grand Deputy, to whom he made a suitable reply.

At Charlottetown, the capital, His Lordship Bishop Macdonald attended the first January meeting and was presented with a beautiful address, expressive of the Grand Deputies' appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the C. M. B. A. and that of the entire organization which he represented. The Bishop made a lengthy reply, testifying to the good the Association was doing, expressing his desire to see it in all the parishes of the diocese and regretting that he himself was precluded by reason of his age from becoming a member. He promised to use all his influence to spread the work. The Association, out of courtesy, was then put under his patronage within the diocese of Charlottetown. The Grand Deputy then, after delivering an address on the duties and responsibilities of membership installed the officers and approved the reports for the year. At Kensington Beach, No. 251 enjoyed the presence of Mr. Gillis, who accompanied the Grand Deputy. Prince Edward Island, although late in the field, has caught the true C. M. B. A. spirit, and our splendid organization will flourish there as the rose, under the management of the able and energetic Grand Deputy.

Installation and Banquet of Branch No. 101, Three-Rivers, Que.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 101, Three-Rivers, Que., held on January 3rd 1896, the installation of the officers was made by Grand Deputy Chas. Dupont Hebert, also president of the branch.

The following are the officers for 1896:

Spiritual adviser, Rev. I. N. Cloutier
Chancellor, protemp. E. Bellefleur
President, Chas. Dupont Hebert
First Vice-Pres. J. A. Gelin
Second Vice-Pres. J. E. Morrisette
Rec. Secretary, J. O. Gellies
Asst. Rec. Sec. J. I. Pellorin
Fin. Secretary, C. Z. Daplessis
Treasurer, N. Grosse Rivard
Marshal, Geo. L. Gelin
Guard, Z. Gelin
Trustees F. N. Pothier, F. A. Verretto, C. P. Gelin, C. J. N. Teasdale, Phil. E. Panneton.

Representative to Grand Council, Dr. L. P. Normand

Alternate, Chas. P. Gelin

After the installation the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Brother P. E. Panneton, seconded by Brother Arthur Brunelle, that the members of this branch offer the expression of their gratitude to the retiring officers, for the zeal they have displayed and the services they have rendered in discharging their duties.

Moved by Brother Antoine St. Pierre, seconded by Brother N. Marhiot, that the members of Branch No. 101, offer to Rev. I. N. Cloutier, their spiritual adviser, to Brother Chas. Dupont Hebert, Esq., Grand Deputy for the Province of Quebec, and president of this branch, and also to all the officers of the Association, their most sincere wishes of health, prosperity and happiness for the ensuing year.

The Grand Deputy, in addressing the members, thanked, in eloquent words, the C. M. B. A. Brothers of the old city of Lavalotte, for their kind wishes to

his address and that of all the dignitaries of the Association. He congratulated them on the good harmony which did not cease to exist among them, then the institution of their fine and flourishing branch. He thanked them, in his name, as well as in the name of the other officers they had elected by acclamation for 1896, as being the greatest proof of esteem and confidence they could give them. Of your part, he said, "I augur well for the future, continue your work of protection for the widows and orphans, be always united by the bonds of Christian fraternity, and God will bless your families. And when you shall have to bid a last farewell to those you loved so much here below, your wives and children, a supreme consolation will be reserved for you: it will be to have known to assure their welfare, after the Almighty will have called you to Him."

The Grand Deputy then invited all his C. M. B. A. brothers to partake of a magnificent banquet which he had prepared for them. The invitation coming from so generous and devoted heart, was accepted with enthusiasm, and when the hour for separation came, the worthy founder of Three Rivers branch, had gained, once more, the assurance that he is entitled to be proud of his work and of the Three Rivers members of whom he is the leader; for during all the time that this little intimate feast lasted, the most sincere cordiality, as always, did not cease, all rivaling in good words and delicate manners one towards the other.

The Three Rivers members will always look back on this evening's entertainment as one of their most cherished souvenirs.

Presentation and Address.

Tuesday evening, the 14th January being the regular meeting night of Branch No. 1, Smith's Falls, Ont., was made the occasion of a very pleasant and interesting event in the presentation of a beautiful arm chair to the retiring Financial Secretary, Mr. Thos. Cushing, accompanied by the following address, which was read by Mr. William Edgworth:

This being the occasion of your vacating the office of Financial Secretary, and being installed as President of this branch, we cannot allow it to pass without showing you, in some manner, how your services have been and are appreciated by this branch.

We believe the healthy condition of the finances of this branch at the present time is largely due to your careful attention. Your regularity in attending meetings has also been noticed.

Now, as you are about to be installed as President, we ask you to accept this chair as a small recognition of your valuable services in the past, and also as a token of the esteem in which you are held by the members of this branch. That you may long be spared to enjoy it, and be blessed with the presence of your wife and family, is the heartfelt wish of the members of Branch No. 1, C. M. B. A.

Signed on behalf of the branch: Wm Edgworth, John Meagher, John Malloy, Committee.

Mr. Cushing, though taken somewhat by surprise, replied in a pretty and able speech, covering the different features of the address and also giving a resume of the work done during the past year, thanking the members sincerely for their beautiful present and well wishes towards himself and family.

Branches Nos. 250 and 260 have been organized since last month. List of officers will appear in next issue.

ASSESSMENT BY ITEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

February Assessment No. 2 (February Assessment) - D. Dupont Hebert, Sec. and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 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