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THE CANADIAN desires to thank all our C. M. B. A. brothers for past favors, which we assure you we have endeavored to deserve, and with the intention of doing our best to still further increase the usefulness of our official organ, we wish you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year.

FACTS ABOUT 1898.

The year 1898 began on Saturday and will end on Saturday.

It will have six eclipses, of which only January 7. and December 27, will be visible to North America.

The Queen's Birthday comes on Tuesday and Dominion Day on Friday.

Labor Day will be on Monday, Sept. 5.

First Sunday in Lent, February 27; Palm Sunday, April 3; Easter Sunday, April 10.

The Hebrew year 5659 will begin at sunset, Friday, Sept. 16.

The four seasons will begin as follows:—Spring, March 20; Summer, June 21; Autumn, Sept. 22; Winter, December 21.

There are five comets scheduled for 1898.

NOTICE.

The following are the names and addresses of all the agents of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada appointed to receive service of process in all suits and proceedings against the Association in the Province in which the said agents respectively reside:

Samuel R. Brown, London, Ontario.

Timothy J. Finn, Montreal, Quebec.

William E. Scully, St. John (West) New Brunswick.

James R. Cragg, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Rev. Alfred E. Burke, Alberton, Prince Edward Island.

John K. Barrett, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Louis Philipps O. Noel, Battleford, North West Territories.

Dated this sixth day of January, A. D. 1898.

SAMUEL R. BROWN,
Grand Secretary, C. M. B. A.

WHY SOME MEMBERS HAVE
NOT RECEIVED THEIR
C. M. B. A. POLICIES.

We have lately received a number of letters from C. M. B. A. members asking us why we do not forward their policies.

If those members would read our official organ, there would be no necessity for their writing us such a question.

In the November and December numbers of THE CANADIAN the following notice appeared:

A policy will not be issued by the C. M. B. A. to any new member who has not furnished a "Certificate of Birth" or a "Declaration of Age." Said certificate of birth or declaration of age must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the Branch Recording Secretary with the application for membership.

Branch 26 of Montreal celebrated its 14th anniversary by a most enjoyable At Home on the evening of Wednesday, November 10.

The sympathy of his fellow-members were tendered to Brother Thomas Conway, of 26, on the recent death of one of his children.

We understand there is a good opening for a dentist in Renfrew, Ont., with dental rooms ready and at a reasonable rental.

The Per Capita Tax for the last quarter of 1897 is due. Branches in arrears will please attend to this without further delay.

Join the C. M. B. A., and thus throw the mantle of protection around her and them who may soon be your widow and orphans. "In the the midst of life we are in death."

Branch 26 will hold several open meetings during the present winter months, which it is to be hoped will be as productive of good as those held by this branch last winter.

If branches were less indulgent in carrying careless members they would be better able to afford a \$1 or \$2 when an appeal comes. It is not always the poor man who is behind in his assessments.

Brother Martin Eagan was unanimously elected President of Branch 26 at its last regular meeting, in succession to Brother Michael Sharkey. Under the able guidance of Brother Eagan old 26 is certain to continue in its progressive efforts to forward the usefulness of our Association.

Members, attention! Have you paid the December assessment? The time allowed expired on Jan. 3rd, and if not paid you stand suspended and your insurance void. Those in the habit of being late with the payment

of their assessments carry their own risk in the meantime.

Brothers, are you prompt in the payment of your assessments? Remember the last assessment for 1897 is No. 15, and it should be in the hands of your Fin. Sec. on or before Jan. 3, otherwise you are suspended. Do not trust to your branch to look after that which is entirely your own and your family's affairs. Do not be a drag on your branch, for, to say the least, the practice of suspending and reinstating members so often makes a bad showing on your branch books.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 13, Stratford, Ont., held in December, 1897, a vote of thanks was tendered Brother D. J. O'Connor, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years past, who has tendered his resignation as such owing to pressure of business. Brother O'Connor is a Past Grand Chancellor of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, and one of the charter members of Branch 13.

Branches shall be held responsible for the Supervising Medical Examiner's fees in every case. It matters not whether an applicant is approved or rejected, the branch to which his application was made is held liable for the Supervisor's fees; therefore, the branch officers, in order to protect their General Fund, should see that said fee is paid by the applicant at the same time the application is made. See the last sentence of Sec. 147, Constitution.

The Catholic Almanac for Ontario for 1898 is now ready. This very useful almanac is published with the approbation of Archbishops and Bishops of Ontario. It contains a complete Liturgical Calendar, with explanations; an accurate clergy list; sketch of the Basilians, with portraits; a directory of the Church; a full-page portrait of Mgr. Merry del Val, with sketch; copious news notes of the year of special interest to Catholics, and a number of entertaining original stories. Single copies 25c., or twelve copies for \$2.50; can be procured from the Monastery of the Precious Blood, 113 St. Joseph street, Toronto, Ont.

Chancellor Patrick Reynolds, of Montreal, has resigned the office of Grand Deputy. Brother Reynolds is noted for being one of the most conscientious and earnest members of our Association in the District of Montreal. Unfortunately for some time past his health has not been of the best, and feeling that he could not attend the duties of the office and visit the various branches, as he has done heretofore, he asked to be relieved from the office of Deputy. Brother Reynolds' resignation from this important office is much regretted. His strict regard for its duties, his many sterling qualities and

sound judgment specially fitted him for the position.

Brother John McGinnis, M. D., of branch 23, Southforth, Ont., has been appointed by Grand President Hon. M. F. Hackett, a Grand Deputy for Huron county.

Rev. Father Alfred E. Burke, of Alberton, was also appointed a Grand Deputy for Prince Edward Island.

Grand Trustee, Brother P. J. Rooney was present at the regular meeting of Branch 51, Barrie, Ont., held on November the 8th. He gave a very instructive address on the regulations and requirements of our C. M. B. constitution, dwelling particularly on the financial part. All present were very much pleased and hoped Brother Rooney would pay them another visit soon.

Bonds—"The bonds of all Grand Council officers and all branch officers in the C. M. B. A. shall be issued by a duly incorporated security or indemnity association, and the expense of such bonds shall be paid by the Council and the branches respectively." See Sections 131, 176 and 177 of Constitution.

The C. M. B. A. of Canada has selected The Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited, to issue the bonds required, and Messrs. Schmidt and McKeon, the company's agents in Montreal, are sending forms of application approved by Grand Council Executive to all branches for their attention. Should the officers already guaranteed be elected for the coming year, the said agents will issue a renewal receipt covering each bond; but should a new Financial Secretary or Treasurer be elected, new bonds will be issued on either or both as may be required. The rate is 50 cents per \$100 bond. All communications on this matter should be addressed to said agents.

The C. M. B. A. of Canada had fifteen regular and three special, making 18 assessments in 1897. This, for a member paying \$1.65 (our highest rate) for each assessment, makes \$29.70 for an insurance policy of \$2,000. Five per cent. of this is placed in the Reserve Fund, which at present amounts to about \$6.00 for each member in the Association. Let a member who is, say forty-nine years of age, ascertain what it would cost him per annum for a \$2,000 policy in any other insurance association or in a regular life assurance company, and we are satisfied the information he would receive would cause him to appreciate his membership in the C. M. B. A. much more highly than he did before. The same applies to members of any age from 18 years to 50 years. The C. M. B. A. is undoubtedly the cheapest,