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Correspondents will please remember that copy must reach us before the 15th of the month, if intended for publication in the following month's issue, and that space is limited and brevity much desired.

Address all communications to B. R. BROWN, Editor and Manager, Coote Block, Dundas Street, London, Ont.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

We are now prepared to accept advertisements for THE CANADIAN. The terms are \$30 per column per annum or \$3 per inch space per annum payable strictly in advance. There is no better medium for advertising. THE CANADIAN has a circulation of 14,000, extending all over Canada.

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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The nominations for officers of branches of the C. M. B. A. of Canada for the ensuing term must be made at the last regular meeting of branches in November.

The nominating and the electing of representatives and alternates to the Grand Council Convention of 1901 are not to take place until the regular nominations and elections of branches in November and December, 1900.

In order to understand this part of our work, branch officers will please read Sections 163, 165, 166, 167, 168 and 169 of the Constitution.

No member should accept nomination for the office of Financial Secretary or Treasurer unless he is willing to make application for a guarantee bond in compliance with Sections 176, 177 and 131 of the Constitution.

MEMBERS SHOULD WORK TO SECURE NEW APPLICANTS.

Brother, how many applicants did you secure for the C. M. B. A. since you joined? If you have not secured at least one, surely you are not satisfied that you are doing justice to either yourself, your neighbor or the association. If every member acted with indifference in the matter of increasing the membership how long would our grand C. M. B. A. last? Of what value would your policy be if our increase in membership was not kept up? Surely you know that our success, our perpetuation, depends on our increase in membership. Are you not bound, as well as other members, to help to get in new members? You undoubtedly are. You are getting insurance in the

C. M. B. A. at the very lowest possible rate—at just what it costs: but this rate is based on an expected increase in membership, and every member is expected to act as an agent and do all in his power to help in the work of increasing that membership. Each member can secure an applicant if he tries, and it is certainly his duty to try.

Ask yourself the question: "What would the condition of the association be in a few years from now if every other member was not any more active in getting in new members than I am?"

NOTES.

The members who expect most of the C. M. B. A. are generally those who do the least towards its advancement.

The Grand President hereby calls the attention of all Grand Deputies to Section 100 of our Constitution, and requests them to comply therewith.

In the September number of THE CANADIAN it was stated that the late Brother James F. McMennamin joined the C. M. B. A. in 1898. This was a type error; it should be 1891.

Officers of branches are reminded that the per capita tax, initiation tax and Supervising Medical Examiner's fees for the quarter ending September 30, 1899, are overdue, and should be paid without further delay. See Sections 60, 147 and 176 of Constitution.

Grand Trustee Brother Peter J. Rooney has sent us the following distribution of branches among the Toronto Grand Deputies:—Grand Deputy Walter Boland, Branches 111, 144 and 145; Grand Deputy E. J. Hearn, Branches 15, 85 and 200; Grand Deputy J. J. O'Hearn, Branches 49 and 907.

French-speaking members holding C. M. B. A. policies printed in the English language, may have said policies exchanged for policies in the French language, if they so desire, by applying to the Grand Secretary. There will be no charge on this exchange of policies.

Bro Finlay Macdonald, who has been Organizer of the C. M. B. A. in Nova Scotia since April, has resigned this position in order to commence the practice of his profession at Sydney, C. B. We bespeak every success for Bro. Macdonald in the growing town of Sydney, where the new steel and iron works are located.

Speak well of the C. M. B. A. whenever you have the opportunity; it is worthy of all the good things you can say about it and should receive your active support. Do not let a day pass without mentioning it favorably to your friends, who are not mem-

bers. The good seed sown in this way often yields a vast amount of benefit to the association.

Every member of the C. M. B. A. should pay his assessments and dues within the time required by our Constitution. Financial Secretaries have not any authority to receive or accept assessments after the time for paying the same has expired. See Sections 9 and 176 of Constitution. The C. M. B. A., while a fraternal institution, is also a business one, and must deal with its members in a business way; otherwise it would very soon be a "thing of the past."

When should branches remit assessment money? Section 10 of the C. M. B. A. Constitution says: All moneys paid by members to the Financial Secretary in compliance with Sections 1, 8 and 9 shall be immediately transferred by said officer to the branch Treasurer, who shall, on or before the sixth day following said third day of each month, remit the same to the Grand Secretary in the manner directed by the latter. Said remittance must be accompanied with the Monthly Assessment Report and branch order on Treasurer. The Monthly Assessment Report is to be made out by the Financial Secretary. This makes it obligatory on the Financial Secretary to make out the assessment report in time for the Treasurer to remit the amount—called for by said report—to the Grand Secretary on or before the 9th of each month. Assessment 11 (September Assessment) should be paid by all branches on or before October 9th. Any branch not paying assessments within the constitutional time is certainly running a great risk and doing a great injustice to its own members and to the Association at large.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Recording Secretaries of Branches of the C. M. B. A. in London Diocese:

Dear Sirs and Brothers—In order to lay out my work systematically, I have decided to make a thorough canvass of each diocese without visiting places distant from one another—unless especially required. Recording Secretaries would greatly assist me and facilitate my work if they would send me in a list of all the eligible people who might be induced to join the C. M. B. A. in their vicinity, and also if they know of any parishes where branches might be established. Communications should be addressed care of the Grand Secretary, Samuel R. Brown.

Yours fraternally, JOSEPH KIDD, Grand Organizer.

OPEN MEETING OF BRANCH NO. 71.

On Lower Day morning an open meeting was held in the splendid new lodge rooms of Branch No. 71, C. M. B. A. Besides a good attendance of

the members of the branch, there were number of Catholics present who were non-members. Grand Deputy U. E. LaBelle, Chancellor of Branch No. 71, addressed those present on the aims and objects of the C. M. B. A., and as a result of his able and earnest remarks on the worthy objects of the Association, a number have signified their intention of becoming members at an early date. At the conclusion of the Grand Deputy's address, an invitation was extended those present by Chancellor LaBelle and Financial Secretary Fitzpatrick to adjourn to the ante-room for refreshments, which had been provided for the occasion by the members, and a thoroughly enjoyable social time was spent.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor THE CANADIAN

Sir—The report of the C. M. B. A. Grand Council Board of Trustees in session at Niagara Falls, Ont., on August 26th ult., and published in the September issue of the official organ, calls for a word from me. It is stated in said report:—"A general discussion took place as to the results of Organizers' work. The Board did not consider the results satisfactory, especially in the Province of Quebec, and passed certain resolutions pertaining to the matter, and instructed the Grand Secretary to write the Organizer for that province officially, giving him the purport of said resolutions."

The words I have in italics sound strange to my ears, coming after the table showing the branches organized, and the statement giving the amount paid each organizer for expenses. I would not dare make any comparison or comment, but I conscientiously believe that, in justice to me, the membership should know how I did accept to come down in the Province of Quebec to work for the best interests of the C. M. B. A., and also the active part I have taken at the same time in the editing of THE CANADIAN.

Yours fraternally, J. E. H. ROWISON.

Editor CANADIAN:

Sir—I read with interest in the last issue of THE CANADIAN, which is a welcome monthly visitor, the report of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Council, held at Niagara Falls, Ont., on August 26.

I am sure many other members were, like myself, somewhat surprised at the poor showing made in the increase of membership from January 1st to August 1st, this year, to say nothing of the expenditure incurred in that direction.

Many cannot understand why the Province of Quebec does not make a better showing; 86 new members is the showing from our sister Province of Quebec, and 550 from the Province of Ontario. Why, one would naturally suppose that the large city of Montreal, which is three fourths Catholic, would alone furnish as many members as the Province of Ontario.

An important matter that will be brought up at the next convention will be that of district or county representation. This would mean a saving of thousands of dollars to our Association. Take a case in point. In the Niagara district there are some five or six branches; one delegate could represent the district as well as five or six. Say, for illustration, that the next convention (after the one to be held at Niagara Falls) is held at Montreal; here would be a saving of over \$100.