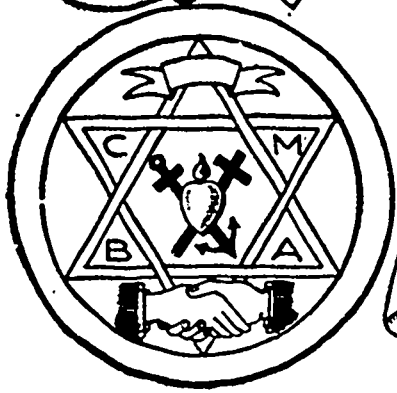


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**NOTES.**

Are you insured? If not you should be, and no better medium is available than the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.

Is it not as much your duty to insure your life against loss by death as your property against loss by fire?

Married men, is it not a duty you owe your wives and children to provide against emergencies? Single men, is it not a duty you owe your dependents, and their dependents, to you? Death comes when least expected, especially to those who think themselves in the least danger. Do not procrastinate, but join the C. M. B. A. at once; for who can tell what a day or an hour may bring forth?

Branches and members requiring seals, emblems, banners, gavils, ballot-boxes, badges or pins, may procure them from Brother T. P. Tansy, 14 Drummond street, Montreal. He has supplied a great many of our branches, and we can recommend him as being thoroughly reliable.

Rev. Father McDonald, one of the officers of Branch 245, Kemptville, Ont., has recently drafted a very neat C. M. B. A. badge design. The emblems of the association are set off in the most beautiful harmony of colors, while the monogram is very skillfully worked out. The color-work makes it necessary to have the ribbon painted rather than embossed. Information regarding price, etc., may be obtained from brother V. Lamping, president of that branch.

If Financial Secretaries would get a number of copies of their list of membership printed on the monthly assessment report forms, they would save themselves a large amount of work. Several of our branches adopt this method, and it works well. In a large branch the writing of the names every month on the monthly assessment report is considerable work for the financial secretary.

The "advance" assessment paid by the members who joined the C. M. B. A. prior to the promulgation of our present constitution and held in the branch treasury at that time, is beneficiary fund money — the property of the members of the branch to pay an assessment — and, if not already used for that purpose, may be applied towards paying any particular month's assessment for the members to whose credit it is, if the branch so desires. Under our present law we have no so-called "advance" assessment to be held in the branch. The assessment a member now pays at the time of his initiation is his assessment for the month in which he joins; and this amount must be included in the monthly assessment report of the branch for that month. A member is liable for assessments commencing with the assessment he pays for the month in which he joins.

Brother John Coughlin, of Branch 145, who has for some years carried on a marble business on Yongo street, Toronto, has moved to Peterborough, and is joining No. 50. On his bidding good-bye to the members of Branch 145 very general regret was expressed over his departure, as he has been a very active member and an ardent student of society insurance. He is a firm believer in the expediency of increasing the reserve fund to 10 per cent. of each assessment. In answer to the expressions of regret from the branch, he stated his own knowledge of many instances where the C.M.B.A. had stood between families and want. He urged on every member, from the executive down, active missionary work, and impressed the advisability of getting in young members now, when the association is in so healthy a condition.

**HOW TO START A BRANCH OF THE C. M. B. A.**

Send to S. R. Brown, Grand Secretary, London, Ont., for a blank application for charter and some copies of THE CANADIAN explaining the objects and workings of the Association. Call on the parish priest, solicit his approval of the formation of a branch in his parish, and get him to become a charter member if qualified so to

do; get as many other applicants as possible to sign, and the parish priest to certify that the applicants are practical Catholics. Then forward said application for charter to the Grand Secretary. On receipt of same the Grand Secretary will send you application or membership and medical certificate blanks, and E. Ryan, M. D., Supervising Medical Examiner, Kingston, Ont., will arrange with you as to the appointment of a physician in the locality to examine the applicants.

Each applicant shall pay the medical fee, \$2.00, to the physician at the time of examination. This physician should immediately forward the medical certificates to Dr. Ryan, enclosing 50 cents of the above fee for each certificate so forwarded. Give your personal attention to seeing that the physician makes no delay in forwarding these medical certificates to the Supervising Medical Examiner.

A certificate of birth, or a statutory declaration as to age, must accompany every application.

As soon as a sufficient number (not less than 12) have been approved, the deputy, or organizing officer, will receive a report for the institution of the new branch and a set of supplies from the Grand Secretary. The deputy will then arrange with the applicants the date for instituting the branch.

The welfare of a branch depends in a great measure upon its first officers, and the way in which they discharge their duties.

A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association should be in the hands of each member; and members should study it well and obey its directions.

A branch of the C. M. B. A. is desired in every parish in Canada.

The following table shows the rates charged.

For a \$2,000 Beneficiary Certificate—	
From the age of 18 to 25 years.....	\$1.00
From the age of 25 to 30 years.....	1.10
From the age of 30 to 35 years.....	1.20
From the age of 35 to 40 years.....	1.30
From the age of 40 to 45 years.....	1.45
From the age of 45 to 50 years.....	1.65
For a \$1,000 Beneficiary Certificate—	
From the age of 18 to 25 years.....	\$0.50
From the age of 25 to 30 years.....	.55
From the age of 30 to 35 years.....	.60
From the age of 35 to 40 years.....	.65
From the age of 40 to 45 years.....	.75
From the age of 45 to 50 years.....	.85
For a \$500 Beneficiary Certificate—	
From the age of 18 to 25 years.....	\$0.25
From the age of 25 to 30 years.....	.28
From the age of 30 to 35 years.....	.30
From the age of 35 to 40 years.....	.35
From the age of 40 to 45 years.....	.40
From the age of 45 to 50 years.....	.45

The initiation fee is \$3.00, medical examination fee, \$2.00, and monthly dues, 25 cents.

The cost of insurance in the C.M.B.A. is very low, and, instead of a member being required to pay the whole year's premium at one payment, the C.M.B.A.

divides the cost into twelve parts, and the members pay one part each month.

It is a duty every father owes to his family to provide for those dependent upon him. Support in case that support should be removed from the helpless ones by death, the time and manner of which is so uncertain.

Your loved ones need not also join the C. M. B. A., so that in case of death they could make some return to the parent who reared them and have now a right to their help.

**Supply List and Prices.**

No.	Blank Form.	Price per 100
1	Application for Membership.....	\$0 75
2	Medical Certificate.....	75
3	Notice of Election of Applicant.....	35
4	Monthly Assessment Report.....	25
5	Application for a Policy.....	25
6	Resignation.....	25
7	Transfer Card.....	1 00
8	Visiting Card.....	1 00
9	Application for a Policy to replace one lost or destroyed.....	30
10	Surrender of a \$ — Policy and Application for a \$ — one instead.....	30
11	Application for Increase of Policy from \$ — to \$ —.....	50
12	Bonds for Branch Officers.....	2 00
13	Notice and Proof of Death.....	2 00
14	Statement to Chairman of Grand Council Finance Committee.....	2 00
15	Annual Report.....	1 00
16	Declaration as to Age.....	1 00
17	Petition for Charter.....	50
18	Deputy's Report on Institution of a New Branch.....	50
19	Deputy's Report on a Branch visited.....	1 00
20	Charter's Certificate.....	2 00
21	Members' Receipt Cards.....	1 00
22	Supply List and Prices.....	50

No.	Books.	Price Each
15	Roll Book.....	\$1 00
23	Financial Secretary's Meeting Book.....	1 00
33	Fin. Sec. Ledger, 200 pages.....	1 50
34	Fin. Sec. Ledger, 400 pages.....	2 50
43	Treasurer's Book.....	1 00
53	Order Book.....	25
63	Receipt Book.....	25
73	Fin. Sec. Assessment Register.....	1 00
83	Constitutions, English.....	05
93	Constitutions, French.....	05
103	Constitutions, German.....	05
113	Constitutions, English.....	05
123	Constitutions, French.....	05
133	Constitutions, German.....	05

Policies are 15 cents each, but policies issued on account of change of designation are 20 cents each.

As will be seen by the above list, the Association provides blank forms for all reports between branches and the Grand Secretary. This is to secure accuracy, compare cases in detail, and authority in final reports, therefore reports that are couched in letters written on any paper but the proper blanks will not be accepted. Use blank form No. 22 to order supplies, and address said order to S. R. Brown, Grand Sec., 391 Queen's ave., London, Ont.

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to the Association. Communications upon  
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will always be welcome, but anonymous  
letters and letters which the Manager does  
not consider for the welfare of the Association  
will not be published.

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.

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### ANNUAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF BRANCH OFFICERS.

We wish to remind our readers that  
the regular annual elections of branch  
officers, including representatives and  
alternates to the Grand Council Con-  
vention of 1896, shall, in compliance  
with section 109 of the constitution,  
take place at the first regular meeting  
of the branch next December; and  
nominations for such officers shall, in  
compliance with section 103 be made  
at the regular meeting of the branch  
preceding the election, that is, at the  
last regular meeting in November.

Any member in good standing in a  
branch is eligible to any office therein  
except that of president, representa-  
tive, and alternate.

To be eligible for president, a mem-  
ber must be a chancellor, or an officer  
who has served a full term, or who is  
filling an elective office at the time of  
nomination.

To be eligible for representative, a  
member must be a chancellor, or the  
president of the branch at the time of  
the election; but in cases of new  
branches, any elective officer is eligi-  
ble.

To be eligible for alternate, a mem-  
ber must have the same qualifications  
as for representative, excepting in  
branches where there is but one chan-  
cellor, then the alternate shall be  
elected from among those members  
who have held or are holding an elec-  
tive office in the branch.

No nominations shall be made at the  
time of the annual elections unless all  
the nominees decline to serve.

A new branch is a branch instituted  
since the date of the last convention of  
our Grand Council.

Regarding the manner of conduct-  
ing elections we would refer branches  
to sections 167 and 168 of the constitu-  
tion.

We would urge upon the mem-  
bers the necessity of selecting  
good competent men for officers, and  
especially for recording and financial  
secretaries. Do not force men into  
office. If a member is not willing to  
accept an office and to faithfully dis-  
charge the duties pertaining to such

office if elected thereto, a great mis-  
take would be made in selecting him.  
Before accepting a nomination for any  
office, a member should carefully con-  
sider the duties required of him should  
he be elected. It should not be for-  
gotten, too, that the constitution re-  
quires certain officers to give bonds;  
and at the nomination it should be  
distinctly stated that no exception  
could be made in this regard. The  
financial secretary is required to give  
a bond for an amount at least equal to  
the sum of three dollars for every  
member of his branch. The treasurer's  
bond must be for a sum at least equal  
to five dollars for every member; and  
the trustees' bonds for a sum not less  
than one hundred dollars.

### PASSWORDS FOR THE C.M.B.A.

We have lately received many let-  
ters advocating the adoption of pass-  
words for our association, and request-  
ing us to use our influence towards  
that end. In a letter just received  
from one of our most energetic depu-  
ties, he says: "We will never be able  
to succeed as we should until we get a  
password. Even old members of our  
branch say they will resign and join  
another association, as they want to  
belong to an organization that will  
enable them to recognize a brother  
member when they meet him. And  
everywhere I go in my district the  
feeling is the same. I address myself  
to you in this matter, as I am well  
aware did you see the necessity of a  
password, as I do, we would not be long  
without your support."

At our last convention the question  
of signs and passwords was brought  
up, and on motion of Rev. Father  
La Rocque, seconded by Grand Presi-  
dent Fraser, the discussion of it was  
deferred until next convention, and  
the Grand President was to appoint a  
committee to consult with the various  
archbishops and bishops in Canada and  
to report the result at said next con-  
vention. This resolution will be car-  
ried out; and we would advise all  
interested in the matter to await the  
advice of our hierarchy, assuring them  
that, as in every other question, what-  
ever advice is best for us as a body of  
practical Catholics shall be given.

### ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBERS PAID BY BRANCHES.

The following question has been sent  
us, with a request to publish it and our  
answer in THE CANADIAN:

"May a branch of the C. M. B. A.  
legally and constitutionally pay an  
assessment or assessments for a mem-  
ber or members out of its General  
Fund?"

We do not see anything illegal or  
unconstitutional in a branch so doing.  
Of course, a regular motion to that  
effect must be made, and to decide such  
a motion requires the concurrence of  
two-thirds of the valid votes cast; and  
if only seven members—that is, a mere

quorum—be present, it requires the  
unanimous consent. The funds of a  
branch may be used for charitable  
purposes and for the advancement of  
the interests of the association, and the  
paying of a member's assessment by  
the branch could, no doubt, be shown  
to come under one or the other of those  
objects. According to section 12 of  
our constitution when a branch has, in  
cases of necessity, paid assessments  
for a member, upon the death of said  
member the amount of such assess-  
ments, not to exceed one hundred dol-  
lars, may be deducted from the amount  
due under his policy, and paid by the  
Grand Council to the branch upon the  
branch's furnishing satisfactory proof  
of such claim.

### MEMBERS' DUTIES.

There is a duty devolving upon  
every member of the C. M. B. A., and  
a duty which we regret to say is fre-  
quently neglected. In every state it  
is incumbent upon the citizens thereof  
to see that only the best class is added  
to its membership. For this reason  
education is provided to elevate the  
standard of the natural increase,  
while stringent laws are enacted that  
undesirable applicants for citizenship  
may be excluded. Now, the C. M. B.  
A. is nothing but a community or a  
state. It is a state in the highest and  
noblest sense of the term, containing in  
its constitution all the elements that  
make up a perfect commonwealth. It  
enacts that none shall be members who  
morally and physically do not approach  
the ideal man. It enacts that none  
shall be members who are not in com-  
munion with the Catholic Church. It  
lays down certain rules for the guid-  
ance of its membership, which, if not  
conformed to, means loss of caste, dis-  
grace and expulsion for those who  
transgress. In a well-organized state  
every citizen has a duty to perform,  
and takes a pride therein. It is not  
sufficient that he obeys the law him-  
self; he must assist those charged with  
the administration of affairs in seeing  
that all observe the constitution and  
that none enter who are not worthy of  
citizenship. In the strongest sense of  
the term, "Every man is his brother's  
keeper." Let us apply these observa-  
tions to the C. M. B. A.

Is not every member his brother's  
keeper? Not only is the honor and  
good name of the association inter-  
ested in each individual who seeks admit-  
tance, but the financial capacity of  
the society assumes one more responsi-  
bility; upon whom does that responsi-  
bility fall but upon each member of the  
association. If the risk be a good one,  
it lightens our burdens; if poor, it be-  
comes one more load to carry, and the  
weight falls upon all alike. There is  
a duty then devolving upon us all and  
one that we cannot overlook, no more  
than we can overlook duties and obli-  
gations of our daily life. We must do  
our utmost to increase our member-

ship, but that increase must come from  
amongst the most eligible class. In  
the regular insurance companies the  
premium can be made commensurate  
with the risk. In the C. M. B. A. each  
man of the same age pays the same  
rate. It is the direct business of each  
member to see to this, for each mem-  
ber must assume a portion of the lia-  
bility. But our care and watchfulness  
should not end here. The quality of  
the risk may be lowered after accept-  
ance by intemperate or other wilful  
habits. Here again our constitution  
points out the way we should act, and  
we most certainly should follow the  
constitution. There is no good in con-  
cealing the fact that there are mem-  
bers in our ranks to-day whose folly is  
hastening the end. Let every mem-  
ber work for increase in our numbers,  
but let no man enter who has not a  
passport, not only of health, but, what is  
just as important, of temperate habits,  
a regular life, and a mind in conform-  
ity with the religious precepts of our  
association.

Branch No. 227, Fort William, Ont.,  
has lately fitted up a very fine hall.  
The expense was considerable, but the  
members feel well satisfied. At the  
opening they had the pleasure of hav-  
ing His Lordship Right Rev. Bishop  
O'Connor, of Peterborough, present.  
This branch has doubled its member-  
ship in a year.

An exchange says: At a public  
dinner given to General Harrison,  
when he was a candidate for the office  
of president of the United States, one  
of the guests rather conspicuously  
"drank to his health." The general  
pledge, his toast by drinking water.  
Another gentleman offered a toast, and  
said, "General, will you favor me by  
drinking a glass of wine?" The  
general, in a very gentlemanly way,  
begged to be excused. He was again  
urged to join in a glass of wine. This  
was too much. He rose from his seat  
and said, in the most dignified man-  
ner: "Gentlemen, I have twice re-  
fused to partake of the wine cup. I  
hope that will be sufficient. Though  
you press the matter ever so much,  
not a drop shall pass my lips. I made  
a resolve when I started in life that I  
would avoid strong drink. That vow  
I have never broken. I am one of a  
class of seventeen young men who  
graduated at college together. The  
other sixteen members of my class now  
fill drunkards' graves, and all from  
the pernicious habit of wine-drinking.  
I owe all my health, my happiness and  
prosperity to that resolution. Would  
you urge me to drink it now?" The  
effect on the company may be im-  
agined.

It would be a very unsafe proceed-  
ing, says the Catholic Columbian, for  
any individual who holds that loyalty  
to the Catholic Church is incompatible  
with civil allegiance, to go to Japan  
just at present and publicly proclaim

such erroneous ideas. When Japan decided to go to war with China, numbers of her Catholic citizens were the first to volunteer their services, and several regiments of Catholic Japanese, it appears, enlisted for the war. From the very beginning of hostilities to the concluding of the peace treaty of Simonoseki, so the Japanese papers state, these Catholic regiments displayed the greatest valor and bravery. They did this in a particular manner at Port Arthur, where their gallantry won the loudest praises from the rest of the army. The conduct of these Catholic Japanese is not in any manner surprising. It is only another illustration of the fact that the better a man's faith is the better is the service which he renders to his country. It is within the probabilities that the bravery and patriotism which the Catholic soldiers in the Japanese army displayed during the war with China will benefit very materially the faith in Japan, and win greater consideration for the Church in that land, and also many converts.

There were 2,532 deaths in Chicago during the month of July, according to the Bureau of Public Health. With the monthly report was this advice:

Do not let others kiss you indiscriminately, and never without first wiping your lips with carbolicized rose water and thoroughly drying them.

This is a chunk of wisdom from Dr. Frank W. Reilly, pathologist, bacteriologist, geologist, meteorologist, archaeologist and erstwhile editor.

To your correspondent Dr. Reilly said:

"Yes, that is the way half the people get consumption."

"What is your opinion of kissing, doctor?"

"Vicious, intolerable, barbaric and vile. This question of kissing has been a hobby with me for some time, and I have studied its results. I know a consumptive preacher down in Nokomis who made a practice of kissing his flock after service every Sunday. The mortality in the village increased 22 per cent. in one year, and when I left there half the members of the congregation were leaning against fences for support. The germs were in the contribution boxes, in the hymn book racks and all about the pulpit."

Address by Branch No. 193, St. Jean Baptiste, Man., to His Grace Archbishop Langevin.

On Thursday, the 19th of August last, His Grace the Archbishop of Saint Boniface, accompanied by Very Rev. M. N. J. Ritchot, V. G., Curate Bourret, of St. Agatha, and Rev. Father Nolan, arrived at the station of St. Jean Baptiste about 2 p. m.

The Curate Fillion, Rev. Maison neuve, Rev. Trudel and the parishioners were await the coming of the train to receive His Grace. All formed in procession to escort their first pastor to the presbytery. The streets were decorated with arches, and flags were floating over the residences.

About 7 o'clock the clergy, in procession, went from the church to the presbytery to accompany His Grace back to the church, where the usual liturgical ceremonies on such occasions took place.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the members of the C. M. B. A. came in procession to escort Archbishop Langevin from the presbytery to their hall, where Brother Joseph Baril, Recordin-

Secretary, presented the following address in the name of the branch:

To His Grace Louis-Philippe Adélaïde Langevin, O. M. I., D. D., Archbishop of Saint-Boniface.

My Lord, it is a real honor for our association to have the signal pleasure of receiving the official visit of the highest ecclesiastical dignitary, the Archbishop of Saint Boniface.

In appointing you to succeed the illustrious Archbishop Taché, of holy memory, our Holy Father Leo XIII. has shown once more the wisdom of his decrees.

For, to fill the vacancy created by the death of your holy predecessor, not an ordinary man was needed indeed, but a priest as much learned as distinguished; one of those apostles full of the spirit of God was needed to inherit so important a succession, owing to the difficulties we are at present going through.

The grand feasts which have witnessed your consecration, My Lord, the great number of distinguished prelates, the numerous clergy and the influence of people who have surrounded your illustrious person at that solemn stage of your holy career, are so many proofs of the judicious selection which the Church has made for the welfare of the archiepiscopal see of the important diocese of Saint Boniface.

The important work which Archbishop Taché had so much at heart, work to which that illustrious prelate devoted all his energy, work which, we are sure, has brought him prematurely to the grave, work of Christian education of the youth of this province, has found in Your Grace a defender not less distinguished, not less devoted and not less energetic than the one whose career was so well filled.

To succeed that heart broken by physical and moral suffering, that heart broken by the perfidy of men who should have better appreciated his eminently civilizing work, was needed a heart full of fire, full of hope, full of energy and devotion. And your admirable conduct, My Lord, regarding the matter of our Catholic school, since your accession to the archiepiscopal see of Saint-Boniface, has largely contributed to revive our courage, which has, up to now, submitted to so many trials. We have found in Your Grace a defender worthy of a great cause, as the Church has always found such defenders in time of great dangers.

This sacred cause, My Lord, which you have so well explained to our brothers of the Province of Quebec, is the cause of all the Catholics of Manitoba. We desire to thank you for it; and rest assured, My Lord, you will find in the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of St. Jean Baptiste, as in all the citizens of this parish, devoted help and zealous defenders of the Catholic education of the youth. It is with extreme pleasure and full and entire liberty that we shall combat under your wise direction.

We thank you very cordially, My Lord, for having condescended to visit our humble branch; we thank you for the generosity shown us in giving the land upon which we have been able to erect the building in which we are at this moment. Our branch, which has not been over two years in existence, has nearly tripled its membership since its formation. The erection of this hall by so small a number of members, shows what a society can do, and especially a Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, for the advancement of a parish. We have no doubt, My Lord, that your presence here this evening will have the effect of encouraging many of the citizens of this parish to join us, and by so doing render more flourishing again Branch No. 193, of the C. M. B. A., of St. Jean Baptiste.

My Lord, kindly accept the respectful homage of all the members of this association, and the wishes we form for the health of your distinguished person, and for the success of the works you have so much at heart. Finally, kindly bless us in order that we may always remain animated by the greatest zeal for the glory of the Church.

JOSEPH BARIL, Rec. Sec.

Branch No. 193, St. Jean Baptiste.

In reply, the Archbishop first congratulated the society on the noble and sincere declarations contained in the address which had just been presented to him.

Then His Grace explained the good which an association of the kind can do with the cooperation and wise direction of the curate of the parish. It is acknowledged that every serious work has great difficulties to overcome. And the merit of those who organize and maintain such work is great.

His Holiness Leo XIII., although deprived of his throne, has retained

his salutary influence over governments as well as over nations.

Our Holy Father has created the societies formed to combat the error and the propagation of the bad principles of secret societies. Your society, added His Grace, has been the work of the church, and I thank its members and advise them to continue this good work, for we have great need of associations of the kind to unite with us in the defence of interests which are dear to us all. We are not the aggressors; but, although on the defensive, we must be united, for from our divisions would come our loss.

I am very sensible to the allusion you make to the regretted Archbishop Taché. This country has been made by my predecessors, Bishop Provencher and Archbishop Taché; and I would regret the forgetfulness of those fathers of the country. They were called fathers of Rome those who had rendered services. The Catholics of Manitoba will do the work of God in following the example of their fathers. Our fathers never started a foundation without planting crosses, and our ancestors have knelt and prayed on these shores. Two centuries ago discoverers, sons of the church, treaded these shores, and their work has remained. It is by keeping the memory of these who have preceded us that we will remain true to our mission.

I congratulate you on realizing in this parish the words of the Pope.

After the Archbishop's reply, of which the foregoing is but a weak abridgement, Rev. Father Ritchot wished also to say a few words. The dean of the missionaries of the Red River valley made a comparison of the country as it can be seen to day with what it was formerly. If, said Father Ritchot, you have so nice a parish, you owe it to the vigilance and devotion of your curate. What zeal has he not displayed to unite you around him and to attain the present grand results!

Mr. A. F. Martin, M.P.P., congratulated the C. M. B. A. on its work and its spirit of enterprise.

Curate Fillion then thanked His Grace and the other speakers for their kind remarks in reply to the address of his parishioners, and in their name pledged their fidelity to follow the enlightened direction of their first pastor.

On leaving the hall all were agreeably surprised to see the village illuminated. Every one had contributed his part and rendered all the assistance possible in making a complete success of the festival in honor of His Grace's visit.

BOOK NOTICE.

Through the kindness of brother P. J. Montreuil, we have received a copy of a new work on book-keeping, entitled "Book-keeping Made Easy." The Brothers of the Sacred Heart, teachers of the Commercial College of the Sacred Heart Arlabaskaville, Que., are the authors. It is a practical and progressive method of book-keeping for self-instruction, schools and colleges. That part of the work relating to banking is very complete, illustrating how the banking business is conducted in the most prominent banks of Canada and the United States. We can highly recommend the work to teachers and students desiring aid in their efforts to acquire a knowledge of the science of keeping accounts.

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Br.	Initiated members.
12.....Berlin, Ont.....	4
154.....Eganville, Ont.....	4
102.....Moncton, N. B.....	4
3.....Amherstburg, Ont.....	3
134.....St. John, N. B.....	3
146.....Drummondville, Q. (1 in July, 3 in Aug.)	4
15.....Toronto, Ont.....	2
20.....Maidstone, Ont.....	2
49.....Toronto, Ont.....	2
25.....St. Agatha, Ont.....	2
80.....Deseronto, Ont.....	2
101.....Tras-Riviera, Que.	2
104.....Nocton, Que.....	2
182.....Waller Island, Ont.....	2
229.....Dalhousie, N. B.....	2
243.....Eganville, P. E. I.	2
7.....Sarnia, Ont.....	1
24.....Thor. H., Ont.....	1
20.....Montreal, Que.....	1
28.....Ottawa, Ont.....	1
31.....Guelph, Ont.....	1
30.....Port Lambton, Ont.....	1
44.....Arnprior, Ont.....	1
54.....Montreal, Que.....	1
50.....Hamilton, Ont.....	1
2.....Canal River, Ont.....	1
67.....Penetanguishene, Ont. (July)	1
72.....Toronto, Ont.....	1
74.....Montreal, Que.....	1
76.....Belleville, Ont.....	1
83.....Montreal, Que. (July)	1
85.....Toronto, Ont.....	1
96.....Levis, Que.....	1
123.....Dumfries, Ont.....	1
126.....Calgary, N. W. T.....	1
132.....Halifax, N. S.....	1
147.....Fortage du Fort, Que. (July).....	1
151.....Brechin, Ont.....	1
160.....Halifax, N. S.....	1
161.....Carleton Place, Ont.....	1
163.....Winnipeg, Man.....	1
177.....Newcastle, N. B.....	1
186.....Victoriaville, Que. (April).....	1
187.....Sturgeon Falls, Ont.	1
188.....Carleton Place, Ont.	1
189.....Sydney, C. B., N. S. (since Jan. 1895).....	8
198.....Maribank, Ont.....	1
200.....Toronto, Ont. (July)	1
202.....Chatham, N. B.....	1
205.....Stouffville, Ont.....	1
206.....Lafayetteville, Que.....	1
211.....Bat Portage, Ont. (July).....	1
212.....Owen Sound, Ont. (July).....	1
223.....Springfield, N. S.....	1
224.....Murray Bay, Que.....	1
228.....Quebec, Que.....	1
240.....St. H. de Montl, Q.	1
242.....Fredericton, N. B.....	1
244.....Halifax, N. S.....	1
245.....Kemptville, Ont. (July).....	1
246.....Cap St. Ignace, Que. (July).....	1
248.....New Glasgow, N. S.	1
254.....Kensington, P. E. I.....	1
Total.....	96

HONOR ROLL.

Branches Nos. 12, Berlin, Ont.; 154, Eganville, Ont.; and 102, Moncton, N. B., head the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations in the month of August, having initiated four members each. Branches Nos. 3, Amherstburg, Ont.; 134, St. John, N. B.; and 146, Drummondville, Que., come next in order, having initiated three members each.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

In re Rev. F. H. Bélanger Clalm. Late Member of Branch 97, Quebec.

The Grand Council of Canada has, once more, contended the adversaries of its philanthropic and charitable work, in paying, inside of fifty days, when the law granted sixty, the heirs of the late Rev. F. H. Bélanger, curate of St. Rock of Quebec. Rumors have



been afloat accusing the C. M. B. A. of Canada for paying only in ninety and even one hundred days All the contrary is true; and the two cheques of \$1,000 each, received by me, on the 26th inst., are an irrefutable proof of it.

In the name of the heirs of the late curate Bétanger, I acknowledge receipt of said cheques, thanking in the meantime the Grand Council of Canada for its promptness in the settlement of this matter.

JOSEPH GAUTHIER, Executor
Quebec, August 29, 1895.

The Kerrigan Appeal.

Quebec, Sept. 19, 1895.

To the Editor of the Canadian:

Dear Sir and Brother—Since I wrote you last month I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of further contributions, amounting to \$68 04, to the fund for the benefit of the unfortunate Kerrigan family here, which now brings the total of the fund up to \$433.39.

A list of the new contributions is herewith enclosed. May the Almighty pour down his choicest blessings upon the generous donors, and may they be rewarded here and hereafter for the fraternal charity which is so materially assisting to save the helpless child of our afflicted brother not only from distress but from the pangs of actual want.

I need hardly say that more is needed to provide for the future of the unfortunate little ones until they are able to provide for themselves.

Poor Kerrigan still lingers in the same sad and precarious condition in the Beauport Insane Asylum, and it is altogether hopeless to expect, even if his death does not occur soon, that he will ever be able to do anything again either for himself or them.

Under these circumstances I would make an earnest appeal to the branches of our noble association that have not yet responded to do so as soon as possible. There are many of them from whom we have not yet heard, but who are confidently expected to fall into line with the other contributors to this deserving fund before it is closed.

Let me urge them as warmly as I can to not neglect this duty. The case is one of sore distress, which appeals in the strongest manner, not only to every one's sense of humanity, but above all to the spirit of our association, which has been formed for just such objects of mutual relief:

Table listing amounts acknowledged from various branches like Montreal, Q., Dublin, Ont., etc.

Total... \$133.99
P. KERRIGAN, Rec. Sec.

THE ROGERS APPEAL.

Peterboro, Sep 12, 1895.

To the Editor of the Canadian

Dear Sir and Brother—At a regular meeting of Branch 50, held in their hall September 10th, I was instructed to forward to you for publication the number and location of the different branches, the names of the individual members, that have up to date generously responded to

the appeal issued on behalf of our afflicted brother, John Rogers.

Table titled 'AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED UP TO SEP. 12, 1895.' listing names and amounts from various locations like Port Arthur, Ont., etc.

Total... \$113.40
THOS. J. DOMS, Rec. Sec.

Death of Brother Whalen.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN:

Dear Sir and Brother—I beg to advise you of the death of Bro. Joseph Whalen, of Branch 228, Port Arthur, Ont., on the 20th August.

Bro. Whalen was engaged, with his son, in lumbering operations on the Pic River, some miles east of Port Arthur. On the 20th inst. he descended the river accompanied by two of his men to bring two bags of oats to the camp. He was making the trip in a canoe. He expected to finish work on the contract on the 25th inst., and would then have returned home and passed the winter with his family, having been separated from them almost the whole summer. On his way back to camp the canoe was accidentally upset in rounding a point. At the time of upsetting he was only about ten feet from shore and in about three feet of water. The current, however, was very strong. He fell into the water on his side and was immediately seized by one of his men and thus prevented from rising. The two went down together, while the third man, having caught the canoe, was saved. The bodies were not recovered until the 25th, it being found necessary to use explosives.

The funeral took place on Monday, the 26th, and was one of the largest in the history of Port Arthur. About fifteen members were present from Port William Branch, No. 227, and some eighteen from this branch. The members marched behind the hearse from the hall to the house and from the house to the church, and afterwards accompanied the body to the cemetery. Bro. Whalen had been up to Port Arthur on the 18th inst.

He leaves a very large family. Two of his sons are engaged in business. The enclosed resolution was passed at our last meeting, and I would be glad if you would publish it in the next issue of THE CANADIAN.

A. J. MCCOMBER,

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

October Assessment. { No. 12
Cotisation du mois d'Octobre. { No. 12
Deaths { Nos. 62, 63, 61 and 63.
Décès {

The Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada. Le Grand Conseil de l'A.C.B.M. du Canada.

Secretary's Office, London, Oct. 1, 1895. Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., 1 Oct., 1895.
Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby officially notified of the deaths of the following named brothers: Cher Monsieur et Frère—Vous êtes, par le présent officiellement notifié du décès des frères ci-après nommés:

Table with columns: NO., NAME, BRANCH, LOCATION, POLICE, ADMITTED, DIED, CAUSE OF DEATH.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for September, 1895. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéficiaires et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois de Sept., 1895.

Table titled 'BENEFICIARY FUND. FONDS DES BÉNÉFICIAIRES.' showing amounts on hand and received during the month.

Table titled 'RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RÉSERVE.' showing amounts on hand and accrued since last report.

Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893, to date... \$318,149 52
Montant total du Fonds des Bénéficiaires collecté depuis le 1er Janv., 1893, à cette date... \$318,149 52

Total amount paid to the Beneficiaries of deceased members to date... \$310,307
Montant total payé aux Bénéficiaires des membres décédés à cette date... \$310,307

Amount on hand Sept. 1st. 1895... \$45,810 39
Montant en caisse le 1er Sept., 1895... \$45,810 39

Amount accrued since last report... 619 98
Montant accru depuis le dernier rapport... 619 98

Total... \$46,430 37
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. of Canada. Aux Membres de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.

Brothers.—The foregoing statement of Assessment No. 12 (Oct. Assessment) is given in compliance with Sec. 7 of our Beneficiary Fund Law; the legal notice of these regular monthly assessments is given in our Constitution. You must pay this assessment to the Financial Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of Nov., 1895. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of this assessment accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report on or before the 9th day of Nov., 1895. Members, and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments. All Branches are now supplied with the new Constitution, and there can be no excuse for non-compliance therewith.

Yours fraternally,
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 44, Arnprior, Ont., held on the 5th of Aug., 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas Almighty God in His wisdom has deemed it wise to remove from this life, on the 30th July, 1895, Michael Buckley, Esq., the devoted and loving father of our esteemed brothers, Michael and Timothy Buckley, of this branch.

Resolved that the members of our branch sincerely sympathize with Brothers Michael and Timothy Buckley and all their relatives, in this their bereavement. And be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Brothers Buckley and published in THE CANADIAN, the Catholic Record, and local papers.

At a regular meeting of Branch 104, Waterloo, Ont., held on the 13th day of August, the following resolutions of condolence were moved by Bro. Thos. Nihil, seconded by H. A. Dietrich, and carried:

Resolved, whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death the beloved sister of our Brother and Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. Theo. Spetz, that we, the members of Branch 104, do hereby tender Brother Rev. Theo. Spetz, and other members of family, our heartfelt sympathy in the sad loss with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Brother Rev. Theo. Spetz, spread

on the minutes, and sent to the official organ, THE CANADIAN, and Catholic Record, for publication.

At the regular meeting of Branch 151, Brochin, Ont., held July 19, the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has taken to Himself the bright and promising child, daughter of our esteemed chancellor, Brother R. L. Gaughan,

Resolved that the members of Branch 151 extend to Brother Gaughan and his family their heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. And

Resolved that copies of these resolutions be sent to Brother Gaughan and to THE CANADIAN and the Catholic Record for publication.

The following resolutions were also adopted at the same meeting:

Whereas the beloved child, son of our worthy Brother, John McCorkell, has been called to his heavenly home, be it

Resolved that the sympathies of the members of this branch be conveyed to Brother McCorkell and family in their sad affliction. And, also,

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother McCorkell and also to THE CANADIAN and the Catholic Record for publication.

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.—St. John, XI., 25.

To Hugh G. Neallis, Rec. Sec. Branch 212, Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Friend and Brother, — On behalf of our fellow-members of the C. M. B. A., we beg to offer you, as our brother, our very sincere sympathy in the recent great loss which you and your family have sustained by the death of your dear father. We know that even those that sympathize as friends can do little to relieve a great affliction, but we wish by these words to express all that as your friends and brothers we feel, wishing also for all your family in their bereavement peace of mind with strength and confidence for the future in such a way as is the best worldly tribute to one that was dear to them, and who was honored in our community; joining further, his name and yours in our prayers for mercy from the God of all pity.

Fraternally yours,  
(Committee), REV. EDWARD SAVAGE,  
W. F. P. STOCKLEY,  
W. J. DUNCAN.

At a regular meeting of Branch 205, Stoco, Ont., held on July 2nd, 1895, the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, to call to his eternal reward, the father of our worthy brother Charles Rush; and

Whereas, the deceased was a good citizen, and an exemplary Catholic; therefore be it resolved that the heartfelt sympathy of this branch be extended to Brother Rush and family, on this the occasion of their sad bereavement; and be it also

Resolved that copies of these resolutions be published in THE CANADIAN, the official organ of the Association, and in the Tweed News.

At a regular meeting of the Holy Family Branch 215, Kemprville, Ont., it was moved by Bro. Waterston, seconded by Bro. Swain,

Whereas Almighty God in his infinite goodness has been pleased to call from our Parish, Mary, second daughter of our worthy Marshal, Bro. Thos. Burns; be it

Resolved that we, the members of Holy Family Branch, tender to Bro. Burns our sincere sympathy in the sad affliction and loss of his daughter, and be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the branch, and a copy sent to THE CANADIAN.

At a regular meeting of Branch 147, Portage du Fort, P. Q., held on Wednesday, 14th Aug., last, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself the beloved daughter of Bro. J. S. Sauvie, our worthy Financial Secretary.

Resolved that we the members of St. James' Branch 147, Portage du Fort, tender to Bro. J. S. Sauvie, his wife and family, our sincere sympathy and pray that God may enable them to bear their loss with christian fortitude;

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the branch and published in THE CANADIAN, and that a copy be given to Brother Sauvie.

At a meeting of St. Patrick's Branch 108, Quebec City, held on the 14th August, the following resolutions of condolence were adopted:

Whereas God in his infinite mercy has called to himself Mr. Narcisse Turcot, brother of our esteemed and respected medical examiner, Dr. G. G. Turcot; Nora Maloney, beloved wife of our respected fellow citizen, Mr. J. F. A. Langlais, and the fond and affectionate sister of Brother Martin and Peter Maloney; and Mary Ellen Power, the faithful and cherished spouse of our sorely and sadly afflicted Brother Wm. Kerrigan;

Resolved that we convey, through our secretary, the expression of our warmest and most heartfelt sympathy to the above mentioned brothers and their families in this their sad hour of trial and bereavement, and pray that God may grant them strength to bear their heavy trials and troubles with Christian resignation to His holy will.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the meeting, one sent to each of the bereaved brothers and one to the Daily Telegraph and THE CANADIAN for publication.

At a regular meeting of Br. 28, Ottawa, Ont., held August 21st, 1895, the following resolutions of condolence were adopted:

Moved by Brother Henry Higgerty and seconded by Chancellor Enright; that

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty in His all wise providence to remove from our midst Mr. Lawrence Whelan, father of our beloved Chaplain;

Resolved that we the members of Branch 28, desire to express our sincere sympathy and condolence with our esteemed Chaplain, in this his hour of sorrow, and trust he shall

be comforted from that Divine source from which comes all consolation.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be entered in the minutes, and sent to THE CANADIAN for publication.

Branch No. 177, Newcastle, N. B., in regular session assembled on the 30th day of July, 1895, adopted the following preamble of resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased an all wise Providence to remove from this earthly scene, the mother of our esteemed Brother John Hache, be it

Resolved that while humbly submitting to Him who disposeth all things well, this society do unite in fraternal sympathy with, and do express its sorrow to, a bereaved brother and son; and be it further

Resolved that copies of these resolutions be tendered Brother Hache and the members of his family, and forwarded to our official organ THE CANADIAN, the Advocate and the Bathurst Currier, for publication, and be recorded in the minutes of our proceedings.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 13, Stratford, Ont., the following resolutions were passed:

Inasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to her eternal home Mrs. Ellen Goodwin, mother of our respected brother, M. F. Goodwin; be it therefore

Resolved that we, the members of Branch No. 13, hereby express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss sustained by him and extend to him our sincere sympathy and condolence in his sad affliction.

Resolved that these resolutions be inserted in the minutes of the meeting of this date and copies of the same be published in THE CANADIAN and Catholic Record, London.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 12, Berlin, Ont., held on the 26th of August, the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst our beloved brother, Frank Bauer; be it therefore

Resolved that we, the members of Branch No. 12 express to his wife and family our sincere sympathy and condolence in this their time of sad affliction, and we humbly pray that God will comfort them in their sad bereavement;

Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and inserted in THE CANADIAN, also that a copy be sent to the wife and family of deceased and that our charter be draped for thirty days.

At a regular meeting of Branch 76, Belleville, Ont., the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this life our good and faithful brother, Wm. J. Freeman;

Resolved that we extend to the sorrowing widow and family our most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement and pray that God may give them grace and strength to bear the loss with Christian fortitude and resignation to His divine will;

Resolved that out of respect to his memory we drape the charter in mourning for a period of two months, and that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the meeting, and a copy be sent to the widow of our late brother and our official organ, THE CANADIAN.

We the members of Branch 79, Gananoque, Ont., beg leave to tender our deepest sympathy to those who are relatives of the late Dennis Pelow and Mrs. Wm. Sberby, but more particularly those who belong to this branch and sincerely trust that our dear Lord has seen fit to pass a favorable judgment on their immortal souls; a copy of this to be recorded in the minutes of this meeting and another forwarded to the official organ, THE CANADIAN

At a regular meeting of Branch 67, Pembroke, Ont., held August 14th, the following resolution was moved by Bro. M. Howe, seconded by Bro. T. P. Coughlan:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to His eternal reward Charles T., son of our esteemed Treasurer, Jas. Devlin, Esq., be it therefore

Resolved that the members of this branch do hereby extend Bro. Devlin and family their deepest sorrow and heartfelt sympathy in this their sad affliction; and be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this branch and a copy sent Bro. Devlin and one to THE CANADIAN for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch 253, Port Arthur, Ont., the following resolutions were adopted:

Moved by Bro. W. F. Fortune, seconded by Brother G. F. Hourigan,

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite judgment to take to himself Brother Joseph Whalon, father of our esteemed Brother, James Whalon; be it

Resolved that we the members of Branch No. 228, of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, whilst bowing to the divine will of our Heavenly Father, do tender to Brother James Whalon and family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of grief for the loss of a kind and affectionate husband and father and a fervent Christian; be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife and family, and published in THE CANADIAN and Catholic Record and spread on the minutes of this meeting.

At a regular meeting of Branch 24, Ottawa, Ont., held on the 18th Sept., 1895, the following resolution of condolence was passed:

Moved by Bro. McGrail and seconded by Bro. McCarthy.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His divine wisdom to call to His celestial home Peter Dunne, brother of our worthy and esteemed brother, John Dunne;

Resolved that his brother members of Branch 28 extend to Bro. John Dunne their deepest sympathy and regret in his affliction.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 26, Montreal, President A. D. McGillis in the chair, Chancellor P. Reynolds in the course of a few feeling remarks alluded to the loss sustained by Chancellor T. J. Finn in the death of his sister, the late Mrs. Carrick. Brother Reynolds moved the following resolution:

Whereas the branch has learned with deep sorrow of the affliction sustained by its worthy Chancellor, Brother T. J. Finn, in the death of his esteemed sister the late Mrs. Carrick

Resolved, that the branch hereby tender its most sincere sympathy to Brother Finn; and, further, that this resolution be entered on the minutes of this meeting and published in the official organ.

At the meeting of Branch 244, Halifax, N. S., held Sept. 11th, the following resolution was moved by Bro. Thomas, seconded by Financial Secretary Eugene Sullivan, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas the members of this branch have heard with deep regret of the death of the wife of our esteemed Chancellor, Brother P. J. Griffin, and also mother of our Assistant Recording Secretary, Brother Edw. J. Griffin;

Resolved that we extend to our afflicted brothers our sincere sympathy in this their hour of trial, and pray that Almighty God will comfort them in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved that this resolution be entered in two minutes of meeting and that copies be sent to the Brothers Griffin, also THE CANADIAN, Catholic Record and local newspapers for publication.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 74, Montreal, Que., held Sept. 11th, 1895, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from the cares of life William O'Meara, Esq., father of our beloved parish priest and Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Bro. Wm. O'Meara; be it

Resolved that we, the members of Branch 74, tender Rev. Bro. O'Meara our sincere sympathy in his bereavement, and pray that Providence, who has called to us a devoted father, esteemed citizen, and zealous Catholic, will enable our pastor to bear his cross during life, and to look to a reunion in that better land, where there is no parting; be it further

Resolved that copies of these resolutions be sent Rev. Father O'Meara, the press for publication and entered on the records of this branch.

OBITUARY.

The Late Mrs. Carrick.

We regret to learn of the death of one of our oldest and most respected citizens in the person of the late Mrs. Richard Carrick. The sad event took place on the 5th instant. The deceased was the widow of the late Richard Carrick, a popular and highly esteemed resident of Montreal. She was a sister of Mr. T. J. Finn, of the Gazette, one of the most widely known and generally respected members of the C. M. B. A. in the city. She was a native of Castle Connell, county Limerick, Ireland, and had reached the ripe age of sixty-eight years. The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place on Sunday afternoon from her late residence, 53 Prince Arthur street, to the Cote des Neiges cemetery. Mrs. Carrick was dearly beloved by all who knew her and was a fond and loving wife as well as a devout and faithful member of the Church. We had occasion to make her acquaintance in a casual manner about a year ago; it was

in the very cemetery where now repose her ashes. She was going to pray at the grave of her husband, and in the few moments of conversation that we enjoyed, we learned how deep, true, and pious was her nature. The devotion to the memory of her lost husband and the expressions of bright hope in the resurrection of the dead and a union hereafter told more than might be gleaned from a life long acquaintance. Now that her remains sleep beside those of the one she loved so well, we unite with the Church in the fervent prayer that her soul may enjoy, with his, the eternal rest. Unending union and bliss.—R. I. P.—atreal/True Witness, Sept. 11

QUESTIONS.

The following questions have been sent us, with a request that we publish the answers:

1. Do not District Deputies have to make out reports to Grand Deputies?
2. How should branches be dealt with whose officers and members do not meet regularly, according to the constitution?
3. (a) Can an expelled member remain Medical Examiner of the branch, having been expelled for non-payment of beneficiary?  
(b) Can the branch make a change in such cases?
4. May an American subject, living in the United States, where no branch of the C. M. B. A. exists, become a member of a branch in Canada, and enjoy all the privileges of the association in Canada?

ANSWERS.

1. Yes. See sec. 98 of constitution.
2. Any branch neglecting to hold regular stated meetings, as provided by law, without a proper dispensation therefor, unless prevented from doing so by some unforeseen circumstance, may be suspended or dissolved by the Grand President with the majority of the Board of Trustees. See sec. 63 of constitution.
3. (a) We do not find anything in our constitution against his remaining Medical Examiner.  
(b) No. This is entirely in the hands of the Supervising Medical Examiner.
4. Yes.

Resignation of a Worthy Officer.

We regret to hear of the resignation of Mr. D. F. McCloskey as Recording Secretary of Branch 85. Brother McCloskey is leaving Toronto and moving to the United States. He will still, however, remain a member of the branch. His correspondence with us, which was always of the most pleasant nature, was sufficient evidence of his ability, and we can highly recommend him for any position requiring such qualifications as he possesses. Brother D. J. Walsh, another very energetic and competent member, has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. McCloskey.

Branch 66 to Hold an At Home.

Branch 26, Montreal, will celebrate its thirteenth anniversary by an At Home in November. Arrangements are also being made for a series of open meetings, at which addresses will be delivered by the Hon. J. J. Curran, Solicitor-General, and others. This branch is one of the most active in the Province of Quebec. Its meetings are always well attended and everything done in a most business-like manner. President McGillis is a very popular officer and wields the gavel "without fear or favor." One of the features of the meetings is the discussion on matters appertaining to the "Good of the Association," the debates being always conducted in a most harmonious manner.

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Les membres sont invités à nous envoyer des nouvelles ou informations dont l'Association pourra bénéficier. Toutes communications sur des sujets d'intérêt pour les membres de l'A. C. B. M., seront reçues avec plaisir, mais toutes lettres anonymes et toutes autres lettres que le rédacteur n'aura pas été dans l'intérêt de l'Association ne seront pas publiées.

Les correspondants voudront bien se rappeler que la copie doit nous parvenir pas plus tard que le 15 du mois, pour être publiée dans le numéro du mois suivant. L'espace étant limité, on voudra bien être concis. Adressez toutes communications à

S. H. BROWN,  
391 Queen's Ave., London, Ont.

LONDON, OCTOBRE, 1895.

### NOMINATIONS ET ELECTIONS ANNUELLES DES OFFICIERS DES SUCCURSALES

Nous désirons rappeler à nos lecteurs que les élections régulières annuelles des officiers des succursales, y compris les représentants et les substitués à la convention de 1896 du Grand Conseil, auront lieu, en conformité de la clause 169ème de la constitution, à la première assemblée régulière de la succursale du mois de Décembre prochain; et les nominations de ces officiers se feront, en conformité de la clause 168ème, à l'assemblée régulière précédant l'élection, c'est-à-dire, à la dernière assemblée régulière du mois de Novembre.

Tout membre en règle d'une succursale est éligible à une charge, sauf celle de président, représentant et substitut.

Pour être éligible comme président, un membre doit être un chancelier, ou un officier qui a servi durant un terme complet, ou qui remplit une charge élective au temps de la nomination.

Pour être éligible comme représentant, un membre doit être un chancelier, ou président de la succursale au temps de l'élection; mais dans le cas des nouvelles succursales, tout officier électif est éligible.

Pour être éligible comme substitut, un membre doit avoir qualité comme dans le cas du représentant, sauf dans les succursales où il n'y a qu'un seul chancelier, alors que le substitut est choisi parmi ceux des membres qui ont rempli ou qui remplissent une charge élective dans la succursale.

Aucunes nominations peuvent être faites au temps des élections annuelles, à moins que tous les candidats choisis déclinent de servir.

Une nouvelle succursale est celle instituée depuis la date de la dernière convention de notre Grand Conseil.

Pour la manière de conduire les élections nous renvoyons les succursales aux clauses 167 et 168 de la constitution.

Nous insistons auprès des membres sur la nécessité de choisir des hommes compétents pour officiers, et particulièrement pour secrétaires-archivistes et financiers. Ne forcez personne à

prendre une charge. Si un membre ne veut pas accepter ni remplir fidèlement, de bonne volonté, les devoirs attachés à cette charge, c'est une erreur que de le choisir pour la remplir. Avant d'accepter une nomination à une charge, un membre devrait considérer attentivement les devoirs qui seront requis de lui, advenant son élection. On ne devrait pas oublier non plus, que la constitution exige de certains officiers qu'ils donnent des garanties; et au temps de la nomination, il devrait être distinctement mentionné qu'aucune exception ne peut être faite sous ce rapport. Le secrétaire financier est requis de donner une garantie pour un montant au moins égal à la somme de trois dollars pour chaque membre de sa succursale; la garantie du trésorier doit être pour une somme au moins égale à cinq dollars pour chaque membre; et la garantie des syndics, pour une somme de pas moins de cent dollars.

### MOTS DE PASSE POUR L'A. C.

B. M.

Nous avons reçu récemment beaucoup de lettres en faveur de l'adoption de mots de passe pour notre association, et dans lesquelles on nous prie d'user de notre influence dans ce but. Dans une lettre que nous venons justement de recevoir d'un de nos plus énergiques députés, ce dernier dit: "Nous ne pourrions jamais réussir comme nous le devrions, tant que nous n'aurons pas de mots de passe. Des vieux membres même, de notre succursale, disent qu'ils résigneront et entreront dans une autre association, voulant appartenir à une société qui leur permettra de reconnaître un frère membre quand ils le rencontrent. Et partout où je vais dans mon arrondissement, c'est le même sentiment qui prévaut. Je m'adresse à vous dans cette question, sachant bien que si vous voyez comme moi la nécessité d'un mot de passe, votre support ne se fera pas attendre."

À notre dernière convention cette question de signes et de mots de passe est venue sur le tapis, et sur motion du Rev. La Roche, secondée par le Grand Président Fraser, la discussion en a été remise à la prochaine convention, et le Président autorisé de nommer un comité pour consulter les Archevêques et Evêques du Canada et faire rapport à cette prochaine convention. Cette résolution sera mise à exécution; et nous conseillons à tous les intéressés d'attendre le conseil de notre hiérarchie, les assurant que, comme dans toute autre question, on nous donnera le meilleur conseil pour nous en tant que corporation de Catholiques pratiquants.

### COTISATIONS DES MEMBRES PAYEES PAR LES SUCCURSALES.

On nous a envoyé la question qui

suit, avec prière de la publier dans LE CANADIEN avec notre réponse:

"Une succursale de l'A. C. B. M. peut-elle légalement et constitutionnellement payer une cotisation ou des cotisations pour un membre ou des membres à même son Fonds Général?"

Nous ne voyons rien d'illégal ou d'inconstitutionnel pour une succursale qui en agit ainsi. Comme de raison, une motion régulière doit être faite dans ce but, et pour décider cette motion il faut les deux tiers des votes valides; et s'il n'y a que sept membres présents, c'est-à-dire simplement un quorum, il faut leur consentement unanime. Les fonds de la succursale peuvent être affectés à des fins charitables et à l'avancement des intérêts de l'association, et on pourrait, il n'y a pas de doute, démontrer que le paiement de la cotisation d'un membre par la succursale, a pour objet l'une ou l'autre de ces fins. Suivant la clause 12ème de notre constitution, lorsqu'une succursale a, dans des cas d'indigence, acquitté des cotisations pour un membre, au décès de ce membre le montant de ces cotisations, ne devant pas excéder cent dollars, peut être déduit de la somme due en vertu de sa police, et payé par le Grand Conseil à la succursale, celle-ci produisant une preuve satisfaisante de telle réclamation.

### DEVOIRS DES MEMBRES.

Il incombe un devoir à chaque membre de l'A. C. B. M., devoir qui, nous regrettons de le dire, est fréquemment négligé. Dans chaque état il est du devoir des citoyens de voir que leur nombre ne s'augmente que de gens choisis. Pour cette raison l'éducation est pourvue afin d'élever le niveau de l'accroissement naturel, pendant que des lois rigoureuses sont faites dans le but d'exclure des rangs des citoyens les aspirants non désirables. L'A. C. B. M. n'est rien moins qu'une communauté ou un état. C'est un état dans le sens le plus noble du terme, comprenant dans sa constitution tous les éléments qui font la communauté parfaite. Elle stipule qu'aucuns ne deviendront membres s'ils n'approchent pas moralement et physiquement de l'homme idéal. Elle stipule qu'aucuns ne deviendront membres s'ils ne sont pas en communion avec l'Eglise Catholique. Elle établit certains règlements pour la gouvernance de ses membres, qui, s'ils ne sont pas observés, entraînent la perte de caractère, la disgrâce et l'expulsion de ceux qui les transgressent. Dans un état bien organisé chaque citoyen a un devoir à remplir, c. s'en énergiquement. Il ne lui suffit pas d'obéir lui-même à la loi; il doit assister ceux qui sont chargés de l'administration des affaires en voyant que tous observent la constitution et qu'aucuns ne soient admis s'ils ne sont pas dignes de devenir citoyens. Dans le sens le plus fort du terme, "Chaque homme est le gardien de son frère." Appliquons ces observations à l'A. C. B. M.

Chaque membre n'est-il pas le gardien de son frère? Non seulement l'honneur et la bonne renommée de l'association est-elle engagée dans chaque individu qui cherche admission, mais la qualité financière de l'association est augmentée d'une responsabilité de plus; et sur qui cette responsabilité tombe-t-elle si ce n'est sur chaque membre de l'association. Si le risque est bon, il allège notre fardeau; s'il est mauvais, il devient une charge de plus à porter, et le poids tombe sur tous également. Il nous incombe donc un devoir à tous, un devoir que nous ne pouvons négliger, pas plus que nos devoirs et nos obligations de chaque jour. Nous devons faire tous les efforts possibles pour augmenter notre nombre, mais cette augmentation doit provenir de la meilleure classe de gens éligibles. Dans les compagnies régulières d'assurance la prime peut être proportionnée au risque. Dans l'A. C. B. M. chaque homme du même âge paie le même taux. C'est l'affaire directe de chaque membre d'y voir, car chacun doit assumer une partie de la responsabilité. Mais notre attention et notre vigilance ne devraient pas s'arrêter là. La qualité du risque peut être diminuée, après qu'il est accepté, par des habitudes intempérantes et d'autres habitudes malsaines. Ici encore notre constitution nous indique la manière d'agir, et nous devrions très certainement la mettre en pratique. Il ne sert à rien de bon de cacher le fait qu'il y a des membres actuellement dans nos rangs dont la sottise hâte la fin. Que chaque membre travaille à augmenter notre nombre, mais qu'on ne laisse entrer aucun homme qui n'a pas un passe port, non seulement de santé, mais ce qui est aussi important, d'habitudes tempérantes, d'une vie réglée et d'un esprit conforme aux préceptes religieux de notre association.

Adresse de la Succursale No. 193 de St. Jean Baptiste, Man., a Sa Grandeur Mgr. Langevin.

Joué, le 19 Août dernier, Mgr. l'archevêque de Saint Boniface, accompagné du Très Révérend M. N. J. Ritchot, V. G., de M. le curé Bourret, de Sainte Agathe, et de M. l'abbé Nolan, arrivait à la gare de Saint-Jean-Baptiste, vers les deux heures de l'après-midi.

M. le curé Fillion, M. l'abbé Maisonneuve, M. l'abbé Trudel et les paroissiens attendaient l'arrivée du convoi pour recevoir Sa Grandeur. Tous se formèrent en procession pour conduire notre premier pasteur jusqu'au presbytère. Les rues étaient décorées de verdure et d'ares de triomphe érigés sur le parcours. Des drapeaux flottaient sur les maisons.

Vers quatre heures, le clergé, en procession, se rendit de l'église au presbytère pour de là accompagner Sa Grandeur au retour à l'église où les cérémonies liturgiques ordinaires en semblables circonstances eurent lieu. Le soir, à huit heures, les membres de la C. M. B. A. vinrent en procession accompagner Monseigneur Langevin



du presbytère à leur salle, où Frère Joseph Baril, secrétaire, présente l'adresse suivante au nom de la succursale: A Sa Grandeur, Mgr. Louis-Philippe Adélaïde Langevin, O. M. I., D. D., archevêque de Saint-Boniface.

Monseigneur, C'est un véritable honneur pour notre association que d'avoir l'insigne avantage de recevoir la visite officielle du plus haut dignitaire ecclésiastique, l'archevêque de Saint-Boniface.

En vous nommant à la succession de l'illustre archevêque Taché, de sainte mémoire, Notre Saint Père, Léon XIII, a montré une fois de plus la justesse de ses décrets. Car il fallait en effet, pour remplir le vide créé par la mort de votre saint prédécesseur, un homme peu ordinaire, un prêtre aussi savant que distingué; il fallait un de ces apôtres remplis de l'esprit de Dieu pour hériter d'une succession aussi délicate, vu les difficultés que nous traversons.

Les grandes fêtes qui ont été témoins de votre sacre, Monseigneur, le grand nombre de prélats distingués, le nombreux clergé et l'affluence du peuple qui ont entouré votre illustre personne à cette phase solennelle de votre sainte carrière, sont autant de preuves non équivoques du choix judicieux que l'Eglise a fait pour l'ornement du siège archiepiscopal de l'important diocèse de Saint-Boniface.

L'œuvre importante qui tenait tant au cœur de Mgr. Taché, l'œuvre à laquelle cet illustre prêtre a consacré toute son énergie, l'œuvre, qui, nous en sommes sûrs, a prudemment conduit au tombeau, l'œuvre de l'éducation chrétienne de la jeunesse de cette province, a trouvé en Votre Grandeur, Monseigneur, un défenseur non moins distingué, non moins dévoué et non moins énergique que celui dont la carrière a été si bien remplie.

Il fallait, pour remplacer ce cœur brisé par la souffrance physique et morale, ce cœur brisé par la perfidie de gens qui auraient dû mieux apprécier son œuvre éminemment civilisatrice, il fallait, dis-je, un cœur plein de feu, plein d'espérance, plein d'énergie et de dévouement. Et votre admirable conduite, Monseigneur, concernant la question de nos écoles Catholiques, depuis votre avènement au siège archiepiscopal de Saint-Boniface, a largement contribué à ranimer notre courage, lequel, jusqu'ici, subit tant d'épreuves. Nous avons trouvé en Votre Grandeur un défenseur digne des grandes causes, comme du reste, l'Eglise a toujours su en trouver aux jours des grands dangers.

Cette cause sacrée, Monseigneur, que vous avez si bien exposée à nos frères de la province de Québec, est notre cause à nous, Catholiques de Manitoba. Soyez-en loué et remercié, et soyez assuré Monseigneur, que vous trouverez dans les membres de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle de Saint-Jean-Baptiste, comme dans tous les citoyens de cette paroisse, des aides dévoués et de zélés défenseurs de l'éducation Catholique de la jeunesse. C'est avec bonheur et pleine et entière liberté que nous combattons sous votre égide.

Nous vous remercions donc bien cordialement, Monseigneur, d'avoir bien voulu visiter notre humble succursale; nous vous remercions de la générosité que vous nous avez montrée en nous donnant le terrain sur lequel nous avons pu ériger l'édifice dans lequel nous sommes en ce moment. Notre succursale qui ne compte guère plus de deux années d'existence a presque triple le nombre de ses membres, de quatorze qu'il était lors de son organisation. L'érection de cette succursale, due à l'initiative d'un nombre aussi restreint de membres, prouve ce que peut faire une société, et surtout une association Catholique de bienfaisance mutuelle, pour l'avancement d'une paroisse. Nous n'avons aucun doute, Monseigneur, que votre présence ici ce soir aura pour effet d'encourager un bon nombre de citoyens de cette paroisse à se joindre à nous, et par là à rendre encore plus florissante la Succursale No. 193 de la C. M. B. A., de Saint-Jean-Baptiste.

Monseigneur, daignez accepter les hommages respectueux de tous les membres de cette association et agréer tous les vœux que nous formons pour la santé de votre auguste personne et le succès des œuvres que vous avez tant à cœur. Enfin veuillez nous bénir afin que nous demeurerions toujours amis du plus grand zèle pour la gloire de l'Eglise.

JOSEPH BARIL, Secrétaire Archiviste, Succursale No. 193, C.M. B. A., Saint-Jean-Baptiste.

En réponse, Mgr. l'Archevêque félicita d'abord la société des déclarations nobles et franches contenues dans l'adresse qui venait de lui être présentée.

Puis Sa Grandeur expliqua le bien que peut faire une association de ce genre avec le concours et la direction

éclairée du curé de la paroisse. Il est reconnu que toute œuvre sérieuse a à surmonter de grandes difficultés. Et le mérite de ceux qui les organisent et les soutiennent est grand.

Sa Sainteté Léon XIII, quoique privée de son trône, n'a pas moins conservé une influence salutaire sur les Gouvernements, comme sur les peuples.

Notre Saint-Père a créé les sociétés catholiques formées afin de combattre l'erreur et la propagation des mauvais principes des sociétés secrètes. Votre société, a ajouté Sa Grandeur, a été l'œuvre de l'Eglise et je remercie les membres qui en font partie, et les engage à continuer cette bonne œuvre, car nous avons bien besoin d'associations de ce genre pour nous unir dans la défense d'intérêts qui nous sont chers à tous. Nous ne sommes pas les agresseurs, mais quoique sur la défensive, nous n'en devons pas moins être unis, car de nos divisions viendrait notre perte.

L'allusion que vous faite au regretté Mgr. Taché m'est bien sensible. Ce pays a été fait par mes prédécesseurs Mgr. Provencher et Mgr. Taché, et je regretterais l'oubli de ces pères de la patrie. On appelait pères de Rome ceux qui avaient rendu des services. Les enfants Catholiques de Manitoba feront l'œuvre de Dieu, en suivant l'exemple de leurs pères. Nos pères ne commençaient jamais une fondation sans planter des croix et nos ancêtres se sont agenouillés et ont prié sur ces rivages. Il y a deux siècles des découvreurs, fils de l'Eglise, ont foulé ces rives et leur œuvre est restée. C'est en conservant la mémoire de ceux qui nous ont précédés que nous resterons fidèles à notre mission.

Je vous félicite de réaliser en cette paroisse la parole du Pape.

Après ce discours, de Monseigneur, dont ce qui précède n'est qu'un faible abrégé, M. le Grand Vicaire Ritchot voulut dire aussi quelques mots. Le doyen des missionnaires de la vallée de la Rivière Rouge, fit une comparaison entre le pays comme on le voit aujourd'hui, avec ce qu'il était autrefois. Si, dit le vénérable M. Ritchot, vous avez une aussi belle paroisse, vous le devez à la vaillance et au dévouement de votre curé. Quel zèle n'a-t-il pas déployé pour vous réunir autour de lui et pour arriver au beau résultat que l'on constate aujourd'hui.

M. A. F. Martin, député, félicita la C. M. B. A. de son œuvre et de son esprit d'entreprise.

M. le curé Fillion, remercia ensuite Sa Grandeur et les autres orateurs, des bonnes paroles à l'adresse de ses paroissiens et au nom de ces derniers, protesta de leur fidélité à suivre la direction éclairée de notre premier pasteur.

Au sortir de la salle, tous furent agréablement surpris de voir le village tout illuminé. Chacun avait contribué à qui mieux mieux pour rendre la fête aussi belle que possible.

ROLE D'HONNEUR.

Les Succursales No. 12, Berlin, Ont.; 154, Eganville, Ont.; et 162, Moncton, N. B., tiennent le premier rang sur le rôle d'honneur pour le plus grand nombre d'initiations pendant le mois d'Août, ayant initié chacune quatre membres.

Les Succursales No. 3, Amherstburg, Ont.; 194, St. John, N. B.; et 146, Drummondville, P. Q., viennent ensuite, ayant initié chacune trois mem-

UN APPEL.

Aux Membres de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada:

Peterborough, 1 Août, 1895. Frères—La Succursale No. 30, de Peterborough, croit nécessaire de faire appel aux succursales sœurs de l'association en faveur de Frère John Rogers, qui a été frappé de cette terrible affliction de la paralysie.

Frère Rogers, avant cette triste affliction, fut un jeune homme industrieux et hautement respecté, dont l'intelligence et les heureuses dispositions lui gagnèrent le respect et une popularité universelle parmi ceux qui vinrent en contact avec lui.

Bien qu'encore au printemps de la vie, avec un avenir brillant devant lui, rempli de toutes les espérances d'une bouillante jeunesse, cette terrible affliction l'a saisi, et après avoir ravagé ses facultés physiques et mentales l'a laissé dans un état des plus pitoyables à voir.

Son oeil morose et hagard, sa démarche chancelante et son aspect incohérent, tout témoigne de l'effroyable travail de la maladie dont la Toute-Puissance a jugé à propos de l'affliger et dont il souffre depuis trois ans.

Il a été l'orgueil et l'espoir d'une mère veuve et son seul soutien.

La succursale lui a été charitable, dans cette heure de besoin, d'accord avec les principes de son organisation, et pendant les trois années écoulées lui a tendu une main secourable, et maintenant, sentant les effets d'un état de choses constant, fait appel aux succursales de l'association dans l'espérance de recevoir de l'assistance, laquelle ne pourra que rejaillir avec crédit sur l'association comme corps et prouver d'une manière pratique que la notre n'est pas seulement une société d'assurance, mais embrasse aussi cet amour fraternel et cette charité chrétienne, qui l'ont rendu célèbre en protégeant et secourant les membres affligés du Christ.

Frères, nous espérons que votre succursale ne manquera pas de sympathiser avec cette mère et ce fils cruellement affligés, et de leur tendre au moins une main secourable au moyen d'une légère contribution.

Toutes contributions devront être envoyées à M. J. Doris, Secrétaire-Archiviste de la Succursale No. 30, A. C. B. M., Peterborough, Ont., et un accusé de réception et un état complet des sommes reçues seront dûment publiés dans LE CANADIEN, et tout ce qui sera reçu sera confié à un comité de la succursale pour être employé à prendre soin et supporter Frère Rogers et sa mère.

Nous demeurerons fraternellement à vous, THOS. DOLAN, Président. WM. J. DEVLIN, Sec.-Fin. THOS. J. DORIS, Sec.-Arch. Approuvé par Révd. Casey, Avisaieur Spirituel.

Bureau du Grand Président, A.C.B.M. Belleville, Ont., 9 Juillet, 1895.

Thos. J. Doris, Ecr., Sec.-Arch. Succursale No. 30, Peterborough, Ont.

Cher Monsieur et Frère—Les membres du Bureau des Syndics sont tous d'opinion qu'il soit permis d'envoyer aux succursales l'appel en faveur de Frère John Rogers et vous êtes par les présentes autorisé à émettre l'appel.

Fraternellement à vous, O. K. FRASER, Grand Prés.

Editeur Le Canadian: Cher Monsieur et Frère—J'ai ordre de la Succursale No. 30 de vous envoyer cet appel en faveur de Frère John Rogers, pour publication dans LE CANADIEN, et vous obligerez les membres de la Succursale No. 30.

Fraternellement à vous, THOS. J. DORIS, Sec.-Arch., Suc. No. 30.

Note de la Réd.—Depuis notre mention de l'appel ci-dessus, dans le numéro du mois de Septembre, nombre de succursales ont répondu à cet appel. On trouvera dans la partie Anglaise la liste de ces succursales avec la somme souscrite par chacune.

L'Appel Kerrigan.

La Succursale No. 108 accuse réception de nouvelles souscriptions à cet appel. Nous renvoyons, comme dans le cas de celui de la Succursale No. 90, à la partie Anglaise pour la liste des succursales et la somme que chacune a souscrite.

Dans sa lettre Frère Kerwin fait un dernier appel aux succursales qui n'apparaissent pas encore sur les listes publiées jusqu'à ce jour. Le manque d'espace nous empêche d'en donner une traduction française.

Accuse de Réception.

EN RE RECLAMATION RVD. P. H. BELANGER, CI-DEVANT DE LA SUCCURSALE NO. 97, QUÉBEC, P. Q.

Le Grand Conseil du Canada vient, une fois de plus, de confondre les adversaires de son œuvre philanthropique et charitable, en payant, dans les cinquante jours, lorsque la loi lui en accordait soixante, les héritières de feu le Révd. F. H. Bélanger, ci-devant curé de St Roch de Québec. Des rumeurs ont couru bien des fois, accusant la C. M. B. A. du Canada de ne payer que dans les quatre-vingt-dix et même cent jours. Tout le contraire est vrai; et les deux chèques de \$1,000 chacun, reçus par moi, le 26 courant, en sont une preuve irréfutable.

Au nom des héritières de feu le curé Bélanger, j'en accuse réception, tout en remerciant le Grand Conseil du Canada de la célérité apportée au règlement de cette affaire.

JOSEPH GAUTHIER, Exécuteur testamentaire. Québec, 29 Août, 1895.

Avis d'Un Nouvel Ouvrage.

Nous avons reçu, grâce à Frère P. J. Montreuil, un exemplaire d'un nouvel ouvrage sur la tenue des livres, ayant pour titre "La Tenue des Livres Rendue Facile." Les Frères du Sacré Coeur, professeurs au Collège Commercial du Sacré Coeur, Arthabaskaville, P. Q. en sont les auteurs. C'est une méthode pratique et progressive de la tenue des livres pour l'instruction personnelle, les écoles et les collèges. La partie de cet ouvrage ayant trait aux opérations des banques est très complète, démontrant comment les affaires des banques sont conduites dans les banques les plus en vue au Canada et aux Etats-Unis. Nous pouvons hautement recommander l'ouvrage aux professeurs et aux étudiants désireux d'avoir de l'assistance dans leurs efforts pour acquérir la connaissance de la science de la tenue des livres.

Resolution de Condoleance.

A une assemblée régulière de la Succursale No. 135, Petit Rocher, N. B., les résolutions suivantes ont été adoptées:

Proposé par Frère M. H. Levasseur, secondé par Frère François Xavier Boudreau

Que les membres de cette succursale ont appris avec douleur la mort de Mr. Hilarion Roy, père de notre estimé frère Nap. H. Roy.

Proposé par Frère Jerome D. Roy, secondé par Frère J. A. Boudreau:

Que tous les membres de cette succursale assistent au corps aux funérailles. Proposé par Frère Jos. N. Boudreau, secondé par Frère Pierre P. M. Doucet: Qu'un vote de condoléances soit enregistré dans nos minutes et que copies en soient envoyées à la famille éprouvée, ainsi qu'aux journaux suivants: Courrier des Provinces Maritimes et notre organe officiel LE CANADIEN.

## COMMENT ORGANISER UNE SUC- CURSALE DE L'A. C. B. M.

Écrivez à S. R. Brown, Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont., pour un blanc, demande de charte, et quelques exemplaires de l'organe officiel, *Le Canadien*, expliquant les fins et la manière d'opérer de l'Association. Voyez le curé de la paroisse, sollicitez son approbation de la formation d'une succursale dans sa paroisse, de mandez-lui de devenir membre fondateur s'il a qualité; faites signer autant d'autres aspirants qu'il sera possible et faites certifier par le curé qu'ils sont Catholiques pratiquants. Ensuite envoyez cette "demande de charte" au Grand Secrétaire. Sur réception de cette demande le Grand Secrétaire vous fera parvenir des blancs, demande d'admission et certificat médical, et E. Ryan, M. D., Médecin Examineur en Chef, Kingston, Ont., s'entendra avec vous pour nommer un médecin dans la localité afin d'examiner les aspirants.

Chaque aspirant devra payer l'honoraire de \$2.00 au médecin lors de l'examen. Ce médecin devra envoyer immédiatement les Certificats Médicaux au Dr. Ryan, incluant 50c. de l'honoraire en haut mentionné pour chaque certificat ainsi envoyé.

Voyez personnellement à ce que le médecin ne retarde pas d'envoyer ces certificats médicaux au Médecin Examineur en Chef.

Un certificat de naissance, ou une déclaration conforme à la loi au sujet de l'âge doit accompagner chaque demande.

Aussitôt qu'un nombre suffisant (pas moins de 12) auront été approuvés, le Député ou l'officier qui devra faire l'organisation recevra du Grand Secrétaire un rapport pour l'Institution de la Nouvelle Succursale, et un assortiment de fournitures. Le Député s'entendra alors avec les aspirants sur le choix d'une date, pour inaugurer la Succursale.

La prospérité d'une Succursale dépend en grande mesure de ceux qui en sont les premiers officiers, et de la manière dont ils remplissent leurs devoirs.

Chaque membre devrait avoir en mains un exemplaire de la constitution et des Statuts de l'Association; et les membres devraient les étudier comme il faut et s'y conformer.

On désire une Succursale de l'A. C. B. M. dans chaque paroisse au Canada.

La table qui suit donne les taux chargés:

Pour un Certificat de \$2,000—	
De 18 à 25 ans.....	\$1.00
De 25 à 30 ans.....	1.10
De 30 à 35 ans.....	1.20
De 35 à 40 ans.....	1.30
De 40 à 45 ans.....	1.45
De 45 à 50 ans.....	1.65

Pour un Certificat de \$1,000—	
De 18 à 25 ans.....	\$0.50
De 25 à 30 ans.....	.55
De 30 à 35 ans.....	.60
De 35 à 40 ans.....	.65
De 40 à 45 ans.....	.75
De 45 à 50 ans.....	.85

Pour un Certificat de \$500—	
De 18 à 25 ans.....	\$0.25
De 25 à 30 ans.....	.28
De 30 à 35 ans.....	.30
De 35 à 40 ans.....	.35
De 40 à 45 ans.....	.40
De 45 à 50 ans.....	.45

L'honoraire d'initiation est \$3.00; l'examen médical \$2.00, et les contributions mensuelles, 25c.

Le coût de l'assurance dans l'A. C. B. M. est très minime et au lieu d'exiger d'un membre qu'il paye tout d'un coup la prime de toute l'année, l'A. C. B. M. la divise en douze parties et lui permet d'en payer une chaque mois.

C'est un devoir que chaque père doit à sa famille de pourvoir pour ceux qui dépendent de son soutien, au cas que ce soutien leur serait enlevé par la mort, dont l'heure et la manière d'agir sont si incertaines.

Les jeunes gens ou hommes non-mariés devraient aussi devenir membres de l'A. C. B. M.; ainsi en cas de mort ils pourraient laisser quelque chose à leurs parents qui les ont élevés et ont maintenant droit à leur aide.

## Liste des Fournitures et Prix.

No.	Blancs.	Prix le Cent.
1	Demande d'Admission.....	\$0 75
2	Certificat Médical.....	75
3	Avis à un Aspirant de son Élection.....	35
4	Rapport de la Cotisation Mensuelle.....	45
5	Demande d'une Police.....	50
6	Résignation.....	35
7	Carte de Transfert.....	1 00
8	Carte de Visite.....	1 00
9	Demande d'une Police pour en Remplacer une Perdue ou Détruite.....	30
10	Remise d'une Police de \$— et Demande d'une autre de \$— en Remplacement.....	30
11	Demande d'Augmentation d'une Police de \$— à \$—.....	50
12	Cautionnement d'Officiers de Succursales.....	2 00
13	Avis et Lettre de Démission.....	2 00
14	Rapport au Président du Comité des Finances du Gr. Conseil.....	2 00
15	Rapport Annuel.....	1 00
16	Déclaration Concernant l'âge.....	1 00
17	Requête pour l'Obtention d'une Charte.....	50
18	Rapport du Député sur l'Institution d'une Nouvelle Succursale.....	50
19	Rapport du Député sur une Succursale qu'il a Visitée.....	1 00
20	Certificat de Changement.....	2 00
21	Cartes de Reçus pour les Membres.....	1 00
22	Liste des Fournitures et Prix.....	50

No.	Livres.	Prix la page.
1B	Livre de Règle.....	1 00
2B	Livre du Secrétaire Financier pour les Recettes de la Séance.....	1 00
3B	Grand-Livre du Secrétaire Financier, 200 pages.....	1 50
3B	Grand-Livre du Secrétaire Financier, 400 pages.....	2 50
4B	Livre du Trésorier.....	1 00
5B	Livre de Mandats.....	25
6B	Livre de Reçus.....	25
7B	Régistre du Secrétaire Financier pour les Cotisations.....	1 00
8B	Constitutions, en Anglais.....	05
9B	Constitutions, en Français.....	05
10B	Constitutions, en Allemand.....	05
11B	Cérémonial, en Anglais.....	05
12B	Cérémonial, en Français.....	05
13B	Cérémonial, en Allemand.....	05

Les polices sont chargées 15c. chaque, mais celles émites avec changement de désignation sont chargées 50c. chaque.

Comme on pourra le voir par la liste donnée plus haut, l'Association procure les blancs pour toutes transactions entre les succursales et le Grand Secrétaire. C'est afin d'assurer l'exactitude, la perfection dans les rapports, et l'uniformité dans la manière de les remplir; par conséquent, on n'acceptera pas de rapports sous forme de lettres écrites sur du papier autre que les blancs de l'Association. Employez le Blanc No. 22 pour commander des fournitures, et adressez cet ordre à  
S. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.,  
391 Queen's ave., London, Ont.

## NOTES.

Etes vous assuré? Si non, vous devriez l'être, et vous ne pouvez trouver mieux que l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada.

N'est-il pas autant de votre devoir d'assurer votre vie contre la mort que votre propriété contre le feu?

Hommes mariés, n'est ce pas un devoir que vous devez à votre femme et vos enfants de vous prémunir contre l'imprévu? Hommes non-mariés, n'est-ce pas un devoir que vous devez à votre mère, vos sœurs et ceux qui dépendent de vous? La mort vient au moment qu'on l'attend le moins, et particulièrement à ceux qui se croient le moins en danger. Ne différez pas, mais entrez sans retard dans l'A. C. B. M.; car qui peut dire ce qu'une

journée ou une heure lui réserve.

Les succursales et les membres, qui auraient besoin de sceaux, emblèmes, bannières, maillots, boîtes à balloter, insignes ou épingles, peuvent se procurer ces articles de Frère T. P. Tansoy, 14 rue Drummond, Montréal. Il a déjà fourni un grand nombre de nos succursales, et nous pouvons le recommander comme étant tout à fait digne de confiance.

L. Révd. McDonald, un des officiers de la Succursale No. 215, Kemptville, Ont., a récemment dessiné une très jolie insigne de la C. M. B. A. Les emblèmes de l'association apparaissent au milieu de couleurs harmonieusement partagées. On peut obtenir des informations concernant le prix, etc., du Frère V. Lamming, président de cette succursale.

Si les secrétaires financiers faisaient imprimer une quantité de copies de leur liste des membres sur la formule du rapport de la cotisation mensuelle, ils s'épargneraient beaucoup de travail. Plusieurs de nos succursales adoptent cette méthode, et elle travaille bien. Dans une succursale nombreuse l'écriture des noms chaque mois sur le rapport de la cotisation mensuelle est un travail considérable pour le secrétaire financier.

La cotisation "d'avance" payée par les membres qui sont entrés dans l'A. C. B. M. avant la promulgation de notre présente constitution et retenue dans le trésor de la succursale à cette époque est de l'argent du Fonds des Bénéfices — la propriété des membres de la succursale pour payer une cotisation — et, si elle n'a pas déjà été employée dans ce but, peut servir à payer la cotisation d'un mois quelconque pour les membres qui l'ont à leur crédit, si la succursale le désire. Sous notre présente loi nous n'avons pas de soi-disant cotisation "d'avance" à retenir dans la succursale. La cotisation qu'un membre paye maintenant au temps de son initiation est sa cotisation du mois pendant lequel il est admis; et ce montant doit être inclus dans le rapport de la cotisation mensuelle de la succursale pour ce mois. Un membre est responsable des cotisations à commencer avec la cotisation qu'il paie pour le mois pendant lequel il est admis.

La Succursale No. 227, Fort William, Ont., s'est procuré dernièrement un très joli ameublement pour sa salle. La dépense a été considérable, mais les membres en sont satisfaits. A l'inauguration ils ont eu le plaisir de la présence de Sa Grandeur Mgr. O'Connor de Peterborough. Cette succursale a doublé le nombre de ses membres dans l'espace d'un an.

Il y a eu 2532 décès à Chicago pendant le mois de Juillet d'après le bureau de la Santé publique. Le rap-

port mensuel contient l'avis suivant.

"Ne permettez pas indistinctement à tout chacun de vous donner un baiser, et jamais sans d'abord vous être mouillé les lèvres avec de l'eau de rose carbolique et les assécher parfaitement.

Ce qui précède est un brin de sagesse qui vient du Dr. Frank W. Reilly, pathologiste, géologue, archéologue, et éditeur à la fois.

A votre correspondant, le Dr. Reilly a dit:

"Oui, c'est de cette manière que la moitié des gens prennent la consommation."

"Quelle est votre opinion sur la coutume du baiser, docteur?"

"Vicieuse, intolérable, barbare et vile. Cette question du baiser a été ma marotte pendant longtemps, et j'ai étudié ses effets. Je connais un prédicateur consommé à Nokomis qui s'est fait une habitude de donner un baiser à ses ouailles après le service le dimanche. La mortalité dans ce village augmenta de 22 par cent dans une année, et quand j'ai quitté la place la moitié des membres de cette congrégation s'appuyaient sur les clôtures pour se tenir debout. Les germes étaient dans les boîtes aux contributions, parmi les livres de chants et tout autour de la chaire."

Le sommeil, dit le Lancet, est un mystère plus grand que l'insomnie. Nous entendons beaucoup parler de cette dernière de nos jours. Mais il est plus merveilleux que nous dormions si bien que d'être occasionnellement éveillés. Nous entendons plus parler de perte de sommeil que nos ancêtres. C'est un fait remarquable que dans les vieux livres traitant de la de la physique il est à peine fait mention d'insomnie per se. Dans les ouvrages plus récents, spécialement dans ceux dévoués au traitement, le sujet de l'insomnie reçoit une grande attention. Et le fait, rapporté ici et là, de la perte de sommeil d'un grand homme dans le monde de la science ou de la politique nous rappelle que la grandeur a ses troubles, et d'un genre qui affecte rarement l'homme pauvre. Il est probable que ce mal de l'insomnie est plus commun qu'autrefois. L'excitation, et spécialement les vicissitudes de la vie augmentent. Beaucoup des combinaisons de la société sont de nature à éloigner le sommeil. Un grand nombre de gens usent des plaisirs de la vie d'une manière à leur enlever le plus grand de tous les plaisirs, un profond sommeil de huit heures; car nous soutenons que c'est ce que chacun devrait prendre. Il peut paraître long de dépenser un tiers de sa vie à dormir; mais si les deux autres tiers sont bien employés il y a peu de raison de blâmer. On ne peut établir de règle pour tous, mais il serait bon pour la plupart des gens dans le temps d'activité où nous vivons de dévouer huit heures à la culture de cette habitude et à l'action du sommeil, et de résister à la domination d'habitudes et de manières inconscientes avec ce but.