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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

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

The elections shall take place at the first meeting of branches in December.

At the coming nominations and elections, a Representative and Alternate to the Grand Council Convention of 1898 must be nominated and elected by each branch.

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

S. R. Brown,
Grand Secretary C. M. B. A.
Dear Sir: I have received from the Secretary of the C. M. B. A., Branch No. 14, Galt, Ont., a check for \$2,000, being the amount due on policy issued to my late husband, Eugene Sullivan. I wish to express my appreciation of the courteous treatment I have received in the settlement of this claim. I thank you and shall always have a good word for the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada. Wishing your Council every success.

I remain, yours sincerely,
MRS. R. SULLIVAN,
Campbellville, Ont.

NOTES.

The Per Capita Tax for the quarter ending September 30th, is due, and Branches should remit without delay. See section 60 Constitution.

The C. M. B. A. is the cheapest, safest and best Association for Catholic men. No uncertainty, no conflicting interests, no extravagant expenditure, no enormous surpluses, no whims of officials, no fluctuation of value of

policies, no million-dollar offices, no high salaried officers, no speculation in investments with members' money in the C. M. B. A. For the amount of business done the cost of management of the C. M. B. A. is infinitely lower than any other assessment association or life insurance organization on the continent.

Do not allow your C. M. B. A. policy to terminate through negligence or misunderstanding. Neglect in arranging for the payment of assessments when due may forfeit more than you imagine. No temporary inconvenience should be allowed to interfere with the continuance of your C.M.B.A. membership. Remember, a policy in the C. M. B. A. is one of the very best assets for your wife and family.

Our C. M. B. A. members throughout Canada will be pleased to know that their Grand Spiritual Adviser, His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, arrived safely home much improved in health after his visit to the old country. To Archbishop Walsh is due, to a very great extent, the success of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, and we sincerely hope and pray that he may be spared many years more to carry on his noble work for the cause of Christ and His Church.

Branch 285 Huntley Ont., at its first regular meeting after its institution, was visited by Brothers Ryan and Boulton from Branch 31, and J. Fitzgerald, S. Mallette, J. Walsh, G. Connell, J. Carson, J. Galvin, J. R. Galvin, E. Kelly, A. Kelly and T. Doyle from Branch 184. Speeches of much interest and instruction were made by Rev. Father Corkery and the visiting brothers, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

At the first regular meeting of Branch 26, for Sept. the death of Bro. Wm. O'Toole of the branch was reported and resolutions of condolence to the family of the deceased were adopted and the charter of the branch was ordered to be draped in mourning. The deceased was a promising young

man and his demise was sincerely regretted. He was the son of Brother Jos. O'Toole, of Branch 26, and also a Bro. of Brother Joseph O'Toole, jr. of the same branch. At the same meeting the sympathy of Branch 26, was extended to Bro. J. J. Costigan, on the death of his Brother the late Brother Wm. H. Costigan of Branch 54.

HE IS LEGALLY DEAD

And the Royal Arcanum Must Pay a Grimby Man's Heirs \$3,300.

Stratford, Ont., Sept. 16. — At the Perth non jury fall sittings before Justice Ferguson, the first case, *Maggie Nield vs. Supreme Council Royal Arcanum, Mr. J. E. Harding, J. C.*, for plaintiff, Mr. D. F. MacWatt for defendants, an action for the recovery of \$3,000 held by plaintiff's brother, Arthur Rankin Young, in the Royal Arcanum. Young disappeared in 1889 from Grimby and has not since been heard from. The Royal Arcanum questioned death. His book-keeper declared Young legally dead, and gave judgment for the plaintiff. The proper amount of the policy to be settled by counsel, defendants to deduct costs from policy.

INGRATITUDE.

Ingratitude is a very mean vice, no matter against whom it is committed. There may be fathers and mothers who have felt how cruel a sin it is, for there are children—not a few nowadays—who have treated their parents, good parents, too—with shocking ingratitude, have cursed them and reviled them, have truck them; have allowed them to live on the charity of strangers; have forced them to play the part of drudges during those sad years of old age, when leisure and comfort would be so welcome; have tried to force the little remnant of means from them by the basest threats and extortion, and perhaps even violence; there are parents whose hearts have ached to see their children ashamed of their old country accent and their simple manners. Is not this very lamentable? Then, too, all through life we meet with cases where men have lent others money out of personal friendship, only to be repaid by lying, dishonest ingratitude. Indeed, there is scarcely one of us who has not been badly treated by persons whom we have in one way or another befriended.

There are many who, towards the

end of their lives, suffer sharp remorse for the ingratitude of their earlier days. How many who never pray for their benefactors; who are so proud and selfish that they do not want to have any benefactors, who are just as careless of benefactors' names in their backbiting as of any others; who think that a little money can pay a debt of affection; who often receive and never give, nor so much as ever thank!

If we treat each other so, we treat God no better, not even so well. Now where do you get your good homes, and your dear friends, and your plentiful meals, and your good bed? From God, who certainly does require, at least, thanks in return. Did you ever give them? Did you ever so much as actually feel that God had given you these gifts? Where did you get your good health, your clear head, your strong arm, your light step, your happy heart? We get such things only from the most loving kindness of our Creator. And every day we get them over again. And every day we receive them, we enjoy them—alas! sometimes in a sinful manner—and we on our way almost as if there were no God at all.

The truth is that the commonest sin of our lives is ingratitude to God. It is like the very germ sin, or the poison in the air or the venom in the blood of fallen man. It is a sin which is rooted in pride, feeds upon selfishness, and brings forth the fruit of spiritual indiffERENCE. In truth, it is as much a state of soul as a sin or a series of sins. Hence it is heartily detested by all good Christians. They endeavor to practice the virtue of thankfulness at every turn. They are careful to give at least a quarter of an hour thanksgiving after Communion; they not only make novenas for favors, but novenas in thanks for them; when at table they say at least one thankful prayer, in gratitude for the many mouthfuls of each of their meals; they thank God for the afflictions He sends as well as for His favors, for He is the same God to their loving hearts in storm or sunshine. In a word, one of the channels of the love of God in their lives is a deep sentiment of gratitude for His favors. We are inclined to believe that this virtue is a mark of predestination to eternal life.—Sacred Heart Review.

If thou attend wholly to thyself, and to God, thou wilt be little moved with what thou perceivest without thee.—The Imitation.

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

Address all communications to

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LONDON, OCTOBER, 1897.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada was held in Toronto, Ont., on Monday, October 4, 1897.

There were present Grand President Hon. M. F. Hackett, Trustees Rev. M. J. Tierman, J. J. Behan, W. P. Killackey, P. J. O'Keefe, P. J. Rooney, Solicitor F. R. Latchford, Supervising Medical Examiner Dr. Edw. Ryan, Grand Treasurer W. J. McKee, and Grand Secretary S. R. Brown. Business was transacted as follows:

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

A communication from Mrs. Sullivan regarding advertising the C. M. B. A. in the Catholic Almanac was read, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to reply to the effect that the Association had no funds for such object.

It was decided that the membership in the C. M. B. A. of Canada of members coming back from the C. M. B. A. of United States, is on condition that they surrender their policies from the Supreme Council in exchange for a policy from the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada.

The question of borrowing money on C. M. B. A. policies was referred to Solicitor Latchford to give full instructions and explanations in THE CANADIAN.

The action of the Grand President and Trustees regarding appeals since last meeting of the Board was ratified.

An appeal from Branch 187, Sturgeon Falls, Ont., was referred back for further information.

An appeal from Branch 256, Somerset, Man., was disallowed.

A matter regarding the policy of a member was left in the hands of Solicitor Latchford.

The Solicitor explained to the Board the action taken in the case of Mr. Loyer, an ex member of Branch 87, Montreal, Que., for a refund of money.

The question as to the power of a branch over its general fund was discussed, and it was decided that said fund was the property of the branch and could be used by a two thirds vote

of the members at a regular meeting, in accordance with Sections 71 and 75 of our Constitution.

A communication from Branch 268, Thurso, Que., regarding the holding of meetings of said branch on Sunday or only once per month was left in the hands of the Grand Secretary and the Solicitor to answer.

The Grand Secretary advised the Board that he had insurance of \$400 placed on the office furniture and supplies. Also that he had a lease of the office until 1st October, 1898.

A discussion took place in regard to the matter of certificate of birth or declaration as to age of applicants, and on motion of Grand Trustee J. J. Behan, seconded by Grand Trustee P. J. O'Keefe, the Grand Secretary was instructed to not issue a policy to any new member whose certificate of birth or declaration of age is not on file in his office.

It was moved by Grand Trustee Behan, seconded by Grand Trustee P. J. Rooney, that a sufficient sum be placed at the disposal of the Grand Secretary for the purpose of purchasing an oil cloth for his office; also that he be authorized to have two windows in said office lettered.

A general discussion took place regarding the claims of certain parties who had left the Association on account of having been over fifty years of age at the time they joined, and who were now demanding a refund of the amount they paid into the C. M. B. A.

On motion of Grand Trustee Rooney, seconded by Grand Trustee Behan, the Solicitor was instructed to defend the first suit brought against the Association for such a claim.

The Leyden claim was, on account of the cause of death, referred to the Solicitor to investigate and report to the Grand President, said report to be acted upon as the decision of the Board.

It was decided to have our "application for membership" put in a smaller and more compact form.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to call for tenders for C. M. B. A. supplies, when the present stock is used.

The claims of the late Rev. Carrier, of Branch 93, Lewis, Que., and late brother M. P. Halpin, of Branch No. 43, Brockville, Ont., was referred to the Grand President, Supervising Medical Examiner and the Solicitor to investigate, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to not have said claims paid until he receive a report from the Solicitor to authorize such payment.

The C. M. B. A. Advisory Board of Toronto invited the Grand President and all the other members of the Grand Council Executive to attend an entertainment under the auspices of the Toronto membership on the evening of October 4th. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and as many of the members of the Executive as could possibly do so promised to attend.

Brother Wm. Moran addressed the Board on the question of the death-rate in the C. M. B. A., and left a document with the Grand President bearing on said matter.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report:

Table showing the amount of beneficiary money paid by the C. M. B. A. of Canada from date of organization of Grand Council to Sept. 1st, 1897:

| Beneficiary money paid by C. M. B. A. of Canada in: | 1880 | \$ | 3,219 00 |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| do | 1881 | 4,471 04 | |
| do | 1882 | 9,318 17 | |
| do | 1883 | 11,765 29 | |
| do | 1884 | 21,114 24 | |
| do | 1885 | 24,395 50 | |
| do | 1886 | 32,488 17 | |
| do | 1887 | 40,750 24 | |
| do | 1888 | 53,407 70 | |
| do | 1889 | 69,919 44 | |
| do | 1890 | 100,68 20 | |
| do | 1891 | 122,232 95 | |
| do | 1892 | 142,494 63 | |
| do | 1893 | 160,219 45 | |
| do | 1894 | 175,102 96 | |
| do | 1895 | 191,828 63 | |
| do | 1896 | 215,298 49 | |
| do | 1897 (To Sept. 1) | 229,358 91 | |
| Total | | \$1,356,913 10 | |

Out of this amount the magnificent sum of \$1,267,171 40 was paid to the beneficiaries of our deceased brothers; and \$59,771 70 transferred to the reserve fund, which, with \$7,197 94 accrued interest, makes our reserve fund at present \$66,969 64.

To become a member of the C. M. B. A. of Canada will require the payment of the following fees:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Application fee | \$3 00 |
| Supervising Med. Examiner's fee | 50 |
| Medical Examination fee | 1 50 |
| One Assessment, for \$1,000 at age 21 | 25 |
| One month's dues | 25 |
| Total | \$5 75 |

But when we consider that the reserve fund of the Association is equally the property of all members, no matter whether they have been members for the past twenty years or for only one day, it is evident that the share of a new member in this reserve fund is more than the cost of his admission. Hence, in joining the C. M. B. A. now, you secure membership at a profit.

PROGRESS IN MEMBERSHIP.

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Membership in 1880 | 220 |
| do 1882 | 59 |
| do 1884 | 1,275 |
| do 1886 | 1,900 |
| do 1888 | 3,120 |
| do 1890 | 5,651 |
| do 1892 | 8,725 |
| do 1894 | 6,605 |
| do 1896 | 10,651 |
| do 1897 | 19,403 |
| do 1898 (To Sept. 1st) | 11,116 |
| do 1897 (To Sept. 1st) | 11,806 |

Number of members initiated since 1st January, 1897:

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|------------|-----|----------|-----|
| In January | 125 | In May | 165 |
| " February | 144 | " June | 56 |
| " March | 180 | " July | 29 |
| " April | 27 | " August | 118 |

A committee composed of Grand President Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand Trustees Behan, O'Keefe, Killackey, Rooney, Grand Treasurer McKee and Solicitor Latchford, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for Railroad and other accommodation and fares to Quebec convention; also to prepare a statement for per diem and sleeping car allowance, said statement to be ready for the Grand Treasurer on the 1st day of the convention. The committee is also to have power to decide the date, within the regulations in the Constitution, on which such convention is to be held.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Guarantee

Company regarding the necessity of having a more suitable form of "Application for Bonds" for the C. M. B. A., and that said application should be in French as well as in English, and ready before 1st. Jan., 1898.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized to procure whatever stationery or printed forms he requires for conducting the business in connection with his office as Treasurer.

A discussion took place regarding the question of organizers, and it was moved by Grand Trustee O'Keefe, seconded by Rev. M. J. Tierman, that Brother P. J. Montreuil, of Branch 96, Lewis, Que., be hereby appointed as C. M. B. A. organizer for the Province of Quebec for two months, and Brother W. P. Killackey, as organizer for Ontario for two months, and that the date on which said organizers are to begin work and the remuneration they are to receive be left in the hands of the Grand President.

It was deemed advisable for the members of the Executive to visit branches when possible to so do, and endeavor to arouse more enthusiasm in C. M. B. A. work.

Solicitor Latchford agreed to visit the branches in Ottawa Valley.

Grand Trustee Behan and Supervising Medical Examiner Ryan, the branches in Berlin, Waterloo, Trenton, Brockville, etc.

Grand Trustee Rooney, the branches in Barrie, Owen Sound, Lindsay, etc. The Grand President and Grand Trustee O'Keefe are to arrange for the Maritime Provinces.

The Grand Treasurer requested an expression of opinion from the Board in regard to the manner in which he issued cheques or drafts in payment of claims. He said some complaints were made on account of the drafts not being payable at par anywhere. The members of the Board expressed themselves as well satisfied with the Grand Treasurer's system of remitting, and did not desire him to make any change.

After a general discussion on C. M. B. A. matters, Grand Trustee Behan moved, seconded by Grand Trustee Rooney, that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees be held in the city of Montreal, Que., in the month of May, 1898, on a date to be decided upon by the Grand President.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Grand President.

SAM. R. BROWN,
Grand Sec.

HONOR ROLL.

Branches No. 76, Belleville, Ont., and No 222, Gravenhurst, Ont., head the honor roll for the greatest number of initiations during the month of August, having initiated five members each.

Branches Nos. 44, 126, 151, 193 and 245 come next in order, having initiated three members each.

C. M. B. A. ADDRESS.

Very Rev. Dean O'Brien to the Delegates of the C. M. B. A. Council of Michigan.

Our readers will be much interested in the following extract, which we copy from the Michigan Catholic, of a very able lecture delivered by Rev. Dean O'Brien of Kalamazoo, on 1st ult. at Ann Arbor:

It is a pleasure for me in behalf of the worthy pastor of this parish to extend to you a hearty welcome to the services this morning.

The true Catholic begins all his work by invoking God's assistance. The fact that you do this by coming to the Holy Sacrifice which brings God to us, in this His Eucharistic presence, is the best proof of your Catholicity.

In these days honest and faithful Christians are needed to openly profess their faith in all Holy Church believes and teaches. To bow their head in humble submission to the voice of God is considered, by the world, as an unnecessary burden. To be a follower of the meek and lowly Saviour is considered unmanly, by those who know no better. Mother Church requires heroes now, as well as she did in the first centuries. "His true, no bloody persecution awaits us, but what, to some, is much more—the scorn and hatred against us—and our Church by a large class of our citizens—requires brave, heroic souls to boldly bear aloft the standard of the cross, and openly proclaim our faith—the grandest legacy that our fathers have handed down to us.

True Catholic laymen are needed now more than ever, to enlighten by their example and counsel the large number of our brethren, of this great land, who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. True men who will serve God in preference to all else. True men, like brave soldiers, ready to obey the commands of their pastors whom God has placed over them as captains in Israel. True men who will keep God's laws to the edification of their neighbors, and to their own sanctification.

We have reason to believe that you are such. That you are representatives of that holy Church of whom your priests may be proud, and you will do Her and them honor.

In our Association we have the office of Supreme Spiritual Adviser. The Supreme Spiritual Adviser of every Catholic is his own pastor, in his parish. In some cases, an appeal to the Bishop should be taken in justice to all concerned, but the great rule is that your pastor is your Supreme Spiritual Adviser. To him you owe allegiance. Why? He has been placed over you. This man of God is with you from your birth until your death. He it is who makes the child an heir of heaven; it is he who follows you through life until he bonds over your dying bed, and then in that supreme moment of your existence, becomes supreme in truth for you, when he bids the soul depart in peace, and pronounces the Godlike words, "I absolve thee from thy sins."

Faith teaches obedience. The humble submission of our will in all things which are right, is that requisite, which makes a brave man a hero. On our battle field the victor is the obedient soldier. On our battle field for eternal happiness our faith teaches that, individual opinions are not tolerated. About human affairs we may have opinions, but in regard to faith,

an humble submission is required, and whether we like it or not, we must obey the command, and accept whatever the Church teaches because God has revealed it, Who cannot deceive or be deceived.

The Bishops, successors of the Apostles, are the Church's mouth piece for us. They having gathered in solemn council promulgated the following decree of the Fourth Provincial Council of Cincinnati, which points out very clearly the rights and duties of Catholic societies:

1. With regard to the object of such societies the Fathers decreed:

(a) No society shall be considered Catholic whose nature, object and constitution, after the proper investigation, have not been approved by the Bishop in writing:

(b) A society once approved cannot change its objects or laws without consulting the Bishop.

(c) Every Catholic society shall have its Spiritual Director.

2. With regard to the members the Fathers decreed:

(a) That they shall be Catholics;

(b) That they enjoy a good reputation;

(c) That besides the days appointed they shall approach the Holy Sacrament at least at Easter time in their own church;

(d) That they contribute in the proper manner to the support of the church and divine worship;

(e) That if they have children of a proper age, they send them to the Catholic schools, where they exist;

(f) That they give no bad example by reason of their morals or disobedience to ecclesiastical authorities.

These decrees having been approved by the Holy See, become for us the voice of Christ on earth.

In the beginning of this year, the Right Reverend Bishop of Grand Rapids presented them anew to the Apostolic Delegate, who again decided that they were the teachings of the Church and approved them as such; so no Catholic can longer quibble about them. Catholics must obey them or be considered faithless: "He who hears you hears me, and He who despises you despises me." "He that will not hear the Church let him be as a heathen and a publican."

The Spiritual Director of a Catholic society is appointed by the Bishop; it is he who has to decide on the conditions enumerated above; nor may anyone be admitted as a member without his consent.

A society which does not expel a member found wanting in any of these conditions, and who does not heed a previous warning, shall no longer be considered as Catholic.

Having these laws, we, as loyal Catholics, will follow their teachings. Let us hope that none such as are not possessing these qualifications named have not been admitted to our order. If perchance we have had the misfortune of having such among us, let us root out the evil before it leaveneth the mass, because evil communications will corrupt good morals.

What shall I say to you Delegates who are going into council for the betterment of very large numbers of your fellow Catholics. Words of advice should come to you from God's minister this morning. On you rests a great responsibility. The welfare of thousands will depend on your actions. The poor man, who from his mere pittance, is with heroic self-denial paying his assessments so that his wife and little ones may be bettered when his

days are over, has his eyes on you. Those more blessed with worldly goods are eyeing you as financiers watch investments. You need the spirit of God to direct you to best advantage. Let not human influence guide you. In the spirit of God alone can you trust. Prove yourselves worthy sons of the Church and loyal children of our own country. Let the spirit of truth animate your actions.

Manifest a great regard for holy Church. If this association is to live, it is the Church alone that can sustain it. Let me illustrate. The strongest body in existence outside the Church are the Freemasons. In Indiana they organized a mutual benefit association in 1869. In 1880 it had 810 members in force. The first of January this year it had 1,000 members and nearly all, declared so by the commissioner of insurance, as old and untrustworthy. Therefore it failed.

The Masonic body is not wanting in capable business men. What is the lesson for us? If our society is to continue it must do so with the support of the Church. It will fail without it. The Church will uphold the societies as long as its members remain faithful children. Just as soon as they think they can get along without the Church she will not be in its way. The Church never intrudes. She may not like to part with her children, but her great principle of free will, "Do as you please" is and ever will be her watchword. "I have life, if you will it not, go out into darkness." You must court her protection for existence and success. Hence the need of getting rid of that impression that our association will prosper away from the influence of the Church and priests. No branch will succeed which desires to serve two masters. If we are Catholics let us be proud of gathering under the shadow of the cross whenever possible, no matter if it is inconvenient.

Inconvenience brings blessings and prosperity. Have your priests with you whenever possible, therefore have your meeting places near the church. You gentlemen have much to do with the life and success of the Association. May it not be, that you are pivot on which success or failure depends. The secret of your success must be your loyalty to the Church. Guard our Association, I beg you. Protect it. I appeal to you in behalf of the orphans and widows whose future depends upon you.

May I ask you to insist that the methods of our business be as practical and economical as possible. We cannot afford extravagance. The alt of many a poor man is in your hands and must be cared for with all the economy possible with security.

I would advise that you are careful about changing the constitution. It has served you well. Be slow in dismissing a faithful servant. Leave well enough alone. Why is there a need of tinkering?

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

At times to increase membership, misrepresentations have been made as to the cost of insurance, thereby creating dissatisfaction and doing real damage. Tell applicants plainly what it will cost. There are still foolish people in the world, who imagine that they can buy the world for a cent. Undecieve such, and have them take policies only for the amount they feel

able to pay promptly. I assure you, doing this will avoid a lot of trouble. Decisions in spiritual affairs belong where the constitution has placed them. Leave them there. Let no branch tolerate a member who will endeavor to correct the Spiritual Adviser by resolution, or otherwise, in branch meetings.

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

Let officers that will treat all alike. Officers are the servants of the society. I need not say they ought to be gentlemen. They have many annoyances, it is true, but where is there a priest in a high place who has not. The best should be selected, and fair remuneration paid for faithful service.

Priests will not interfere with your business affairs, unless they condescend to accept an office, then you must expect them to do their work conscientiously. Priests do not seek branch offices and only accept them when proper persons are waiting. Priests do not want offices. If they but expressed a wish our titles of the delegates would be priests. They are proud of seeing their prominent laymen coming to the front, and they have more interest in a representative Catholic than they have in themselves. I once said that I thought the priests should not be members of the Grand Council. I realize my mistake and acknowledge it. It would be well to have at least one priest in the Grand Council. Experience has proven this to a great number of the members.

Let it be a unit for the support of Christian education. Without it there will be no C. M. B. A. in the future. Stick closely to the law. Encourage short meetings. Have branch presidents remain disgruntled members, who are generally ex-officers who cannot rule, and hence endeavor to ruin, that branch halls are not laundries.

Don't manifest jealousy about other Catholic insurance associations. The more the merrier. I wish the number were doubled, then all reasons for joining non-Catholic societies would be at an end. Encourage women societies. Often the poor man needs the help, as well as the poor woman. There is room enough for all. Competition is the life of trade. You may think me imposing on your good nature with all this advice. It is my desire to see you prosper and live, I am one of you, therefore I am anxious that you succeed. Our aim is noble: to provide in time of dire distress for our own household.

I bid you God's speed with your work. Through the little parliamentary difficulties which may occur let there be patience manifested. Follow ever the finger that points to higher and holier things. We greet you fraternally and pray our good Lord to shower His favors on you. We bless you in God's name, and as His representative. We beseech Him that peace, love, joy, and such other virtues which go to make up a happy life here, and hereafter, may ever be yours. Amen.

The best perfection of a man is to do common things in a perfect manner. A constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue.—St. Bonaventure.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

October Assessment. Cotation du mois d'Octobre. No. 12 Deaths { Nos. 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 Decés { 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

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, Ont. Bureau du Grand Secrétaire, London, Ont.

Table with columns: NO., NAME, BRANCH, LOCATION, ADMITTED, DECD., CAUSE OF DEATH. Lists members and their details.

Death No. 82 not placed in regular order, proof of death not having been received in time. Le décès No. 82 n'est pas rapporté dans l'ordre régulier, la preuve n'ayant pas été reçue en temps.

Statement of the Beneficiary and Reserve Funds for September, 1897. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéficiaires et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois de Sept., 1897.

BENEFICIARY FUND. FONDS DES BÉNÉFICIAIRES.

Table showing financial details for the Beneficiary Fund, including amounts on hand, received during the month, and payments to beneficiaries.

RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RÉSERVE.

Table showing financial details for the Reserve Fund, including amounts on hand and accrued since last report.

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— Frères—L'état précédent de la Cotation No. 12 (Cotation du mois d'Oct.) est donné en conformité des Clauses 7ème et 8ème de notre loi concernant le Fonds des Bénéficiaires; l'avis légal de ces cotisations mensuelles régulières est do, né dans notre Constitution. Vous devez payer cette cotation au Secrétaire Financier de votre Succursale le ou avant le 9ème jour de Nov., 1897. Les Trésoriers des Succursales doivent me faire remise du montant de cette cotation, accompagné du Rapport de la Cotation Mensuelle, le ou avant le 9ème jour de Nov., 1897. Les membres, et plus particulièrement les officiers des succursales, sont priés de lire attentivement les Clauses 1, 8, 9, 10 et 11 de notre Constitution afin de bien connaître les règlements concernant les cotisations.

Yours fraternally, SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec. Fraternellement à vous. SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

Statement of Assessments Received in September, 1897.

Etat des Cotisations Recues Durant le Mois de Septembre

Large table with multiple columns: Branch No., Assessment Nos., Beneficiary Fund, Reserve, Branch No., Assessment Nos., Beneficiary Fund, Reserve. Lists assessment data for various branches.

N. B.—All branches not appearing on the foregoing statement as having paid No. 10 Assessment, with the exception of Branches 65, 206, and 287, are on this date (October 1st) in arrears or under suspension. Branches 65 and 206 paid No. 10 in August. Branch 287 was not liable for No. 10 Assessment. N. B.—Les succursales qui n'apparaissent pas dans l'état ci-dessus comme ayant payé la Cotation No. 10, à l'exception des Succursales Nos. 65, 206 et 287, sont à cette date (1 Oct.) arriérées ou en suspens. Les Succursales Nos. 65 et 206 ont payé la Cotation No. 10 en Août. La Succursale No. 287 n'était pas responsable de la Cotation No. 10.

C. M. B. A. RECEPTION IN TORONTO.

Splendid Welcome Accorded the Grand Officers.

Programme of Music Selections and Speeches - Address to the Grand President.

The reception which was extended to the Grand President, Hon. M. F. Hackett, and Board of Grand Trustees of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association by the local members, and which took place on the 4th inst. in St. George's Hall, was a most pronounced success.

The proceedings were opened with the execution of a programme of vocal and instrumental music, which was beautifully rendered. The performers were all called back to the platform, but no encores were allowed owing to the lack of time.

Song—"The Village Blacksmith," by Mr. James Richardson; song, "I seek for Thee in Every Flower," by Miss Eileen Millett; song, "The Dear Homeland," by Miss Kennedy; piano solo, "Cachoncha Capria," by Miss Fanny Sullivan; vocal duo, "See the Pale Moon," by Misses Millett and Warden; song, "Off to Philadelphia," by Mr. Richardson; vocal, "Air d'Isabelle," (Pro aux clerics,) violin obligato, by Mr. Harold Bayley, vocal by Miss Millett.

At the conclusion of the musical programme Mr. F. A. Anglin read in a manner that might be imitated with advantage by public readers generally, the following address:—

To Hon. Michael F. Hackett, Grand President of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association and the Board of Grand Trustees:

Gentlemen.—On behalf of the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association we take sincere pleasure in greeting you. We welcome you most heartily to our city. To you, sir, our Grand President, we bid welcome upon this, the occasion of your first official visit, not only because you are the head of our society, but also because we recognize in you a distinguished Catholic gentleman, worthy of any honor which it is in the power of your fellow-citizens to confer upon you.

Toronto is the home of many benevolent societies similar in their aims and objects to our own. Most of these associations are in a flourishing condition, and it is gratifying to us to be able to assure you that the several branches of the C. M. B. A. in Toronto are thriving as well as these of any other friendly society. Through our membership is not as large as we could desire, it comprises many of the most active and progressive of the young and middle-aged men in the Catholic community.

We trust that you and your distinguished colleagues have enjoyed your sojourn, all too brief amongst us, and that we may look for-

ward to a repetition, at an early date, of the pleasure of meeting our Board of Grand Trustees in Toronto.

Signed on behalf of the Advisory Board, James D. Warde, chairman, Wm. Vale, Secretary, October 4, 1897.

Hon. Mr. Hackett, who was the first to respond, made an eloquent and feeling reply. He sketched the rise and progress of the order, and pointed out that it was doing a great work not only for the members who belonged to it but for society in general by elevating and uniting in brotherly sympathy the Roman Catholics of the Dominion. He showed to his hearers the benefits which had arisen from the severance financially of the Canadian order from that of the United States.

Speeches were also made by Rev. Father Tiernan, Dr. Ryan, J. J. Behan, W. J. McKee, W. P. Killackey, P. J. O'Keefe and Rev. Father Ryan, who had come in late. A pleasant incident was the introduction by the chairman of the Rev. W. T. Chambers, a Methodist clergyman, who had known Mr. Hackett while at college and seeing him announced to speak called to hear his old friend. Mr. Chambers paid a glowing tribute to the worth and reputation of the Grand President and his estimate was expressed his pleasure at the exalted position attained by him in the estimation of the people of his native Province.

A reception was held immediately after the concert and almost the entire audience was presented to the Grand officers.

Marciano's orchestra played some beautiful selections of national and other music during the evening.

The thanks of the Association in Toronto are due Mr. Torrington and the artists who so disinterestedly assisted the Advisory Board in making the reception the grand success it was.

The following morning the Grand President visited the parliament buildings and was introduced to the Premier and other ministers, by Bro. Warde, and spent a pleasant hour discussing matters, political and otherwise, with them. He regretted that an engagement to speak at Guelph required him to take the noon train, and he was therefore unable to accept the invitation of Hon. Mr. Hardy to luncheon.

WELCOME TO GRAND PRESIDENT M. F. HACKETT, IN GUELPH.

A Successful Open Meeting.

The reception accorded Grand President M. F. Hackett on the 5th October, in Guelph, was successful in every sense of the word. The members of Branch 31 numbering nearly one hundred, were out in full force to do honor to their chief. Their numbers were augmented by visiting brothers from Elora, Fergus, Arthur, Hespeler, Galt, Berlin, Waterloo, New Germany, and other places.

At 8 o'clock the proceedings opened in the City Hall, some six hundred people being present. The platform was occupied by the officers of the Guelph Branch and representatives from the neighboring branches. The chair was occupied by Bro. Jas. K. Weekes, the President, who, after a few complimentary remarks, called on the different numbers on the programme and at the appointed time Dr. Numan to read the following address:

To the Hon. M. F. Hackett, M. P. P., Grand President Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada:

Dear Sir and Brother.—The officers and members of Branch No. 31, of the C. M. B. A., of Guelph, extend to you a most cordial welcome, and are delighted at the favor and the honor conferred on us by your kind visit.

Your zeal for the prosperity of our society, and the most satisfactory discharge of the onerous duties which have devolved on you in the various positions you have occupied in it, claim our admiration and gratitude in common with our confreres throughout the Dominion of Canada, who have shown due appreciation of your eminent talents and great services by elevating you to the highest position in their gift.

Our branch was founded about fifteen

years ago through the efforts of the late Rev. Father Dumortier, S. J., who was our spiritual advisor, and who served so faithfully until called by his Master to his eternal reward.

Whatever of prosperity has attended our branch was due chiefly to his unremitting interest in our welfare. We trust that his memory will ever be cherished with profound reverence and deepest gratitude by us who owe more to him than feeble words can express. We are happy in having the same solicitude for our success continued to us by our reverend pastor, who has honored us by assuming the same position. It is our hope and wish that we may profit by these great advantages.

We fervently wish that your visit to the Royal City may prove a pleasant one for you, and we are sure that it will mark a new epoch in the advancement of Branch 31, both in material prosperity and in the greater growth of fraternal union among us.

That God may grant you many years of usefulness and happiness is the ardent prayer of each member of Branch 31.

Signed on behalf of the Branch, D. Numan, M. D., G. L. Higgins, J. McNab, C. Kieffer, F. Numan, S. A. Heffernan, G. L. Higgins.

Guelph, Oct. 5th, 1897.

In responding, Hon. Mr. Hackett made an eloquent and forcible reply. It gave him great pleasure to see so many before him, he said, and to be face to face with the officers, members and friends of the C. M. B. A. of Guelph, also the visiting brothers from other places. He thanked them all for their attendance, for it showed the people of Guelph were in sympathy with the C. M. B. A. for the noble work they were doing in educating and uniting in brotherly sympathy the Roman Catholics from ocean to ocean. The C. M. B. A. showed no distinction, only asking that all should kneel at the same common altar, and should desire to unite together in helpful sympathy and work. Its objects were not only to assist the widow and the orphan, but to make men greater, nobler and better citizens by improving their moral and material welfare. Very few places either in Canada or United States had not felt its good effect. Some twenty years ago in Windsor it was first started with only twenty-two members; now its membership exceeded 12,000. No man could but say "God bless you, go on in your good work." It has no rivalry of any kind, and its great growth and vitality shows it has the cordial approval of all Catholics. The speaker then dealt with the severance of the Order from the United States, and the difficulty encountered in so doing, a course which has been shown since to have been a benefit to the Order in Canada. He made it plain that investment in the Order was a good business transaction. In conclusion, he referred to the fact that this was the year of the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and he declared no persons in Canada were more loyal to the Queen and her Empire than the Roman Catholics of Canada who, like other citizens had reason to be thankful for the many privileges accorded them by the British Constitution. Here in Canada they enjoyed civil and religious liberty and few of them knew the many tribulations and sufferings endured by their forefathers in other countries. He hoped to see the ranks in Guelph swell with new members and with a final and feeling appeal, closed his address, expressing his thanks for the reception accorded him.

Bro. T. P. Coffey made a few complimentary remarks. He thanked the Grand President for his eloquent address, and explained to the audience the difficulty they had in bringing the Grand President here in preference to other places. Bro. McDermott, of Fergus, also made a few happy remarks.

During the evening the Silver Creek orchestra furnished several admirable selections, which were appreciated greatly by the audience. The other musical part of the programme comprised a neatly executed piano instrumental by Mrs. Dr. Kennedy and Miss Gay. Miss Irene Sheahan delighted the audience in her recitations. Miss Hayden sang very sweetly "Au Revoir," and had to respond with "Swiss Bunch of Daisies." Bro. E. J. Downey, of Fergus, favored the audience with a recitation. Norman Reinhart sang "Ours is a happy little home" and "Which one of the two." These numbers he gave in good style. Bert Hewer was down on the programme twice and each time received a splendid reception and encore which he quite deserved. Mrs. P. Drohan, as accompanist, discharged her duties most efficiently. "God Save the Queen" brought the meeting to a close, after which the members assembled at the Commercial Hotel, where an oyster supper had been prepared in honor of the Grand President and visiting members. Over 100 were present.

Among the representatives from neighboring Branches were the following: Branch 12, Berlin—Rev. Father Schweitzer, Thomas Tracey.

New Germany Branch No. 43, Lawrence Spritzig, Jacob Klopfer, T. Wedler, Mat. Brohman, John Bruder.

Waterloo Branch, No. 1-1 Thomas Nihill, John Bierachbach.

Arthur Branch No. 47, P. Kirby, D. McIntosh C. Heffernan, John McDonald M. Heffernan, W. J. Driscoll, M. Dowd, J. Driscoll, Galt Branch No. 11 Edward Barrett, Frank Gayett, Thomas Barrett, Oliver Cooper, Chas. Wolsteinholme.

Hespeler Branch No. 18, John A. Murphy, Thos. McMaster, Thos. Murphy, Mich. McTernan, Jas. Markle, John Flynn.

Fergus Branch No. 116, F. Fisher, E. J. Downey, J. J. Kirby, Leon Hooley, Arthur Waldrick, Wm. Hooley, A. Grossman, Wm. M. Dermott, Jas. Sullivan, Dr. Golden, Bernard O'Neill.

Much credit is due Brothers Jas. K. Weekes, James Kennedy, George Coughart, M. J. Duggan, M. J. Dyan, S. A. Heffernan, John Lehan, Mich. Purcell, J. Sullivan, H. J. Numan, T. P. Coffey, J. Pennington, John Hughes, Dr. Numan, J. McNab, I. Frank, E. Korman, M. O'Brien, G. L. Higgins and others of the Guelph Branch for the successful way in which all arrangements were carried out.

Initiations in August, 1897.

Initiations du Mois d'Aout, 1897.

Table with 2 columns: Branch Name and Initiated Members. Lists various branches like Belleville, Grayburn, Amherst, Calgary, etc., with their respective member counts.

Total.....119 Less in Branch 27 transfer instead of initiation..... 1

Total.....118 N. B.—The initiations in the last three branches are charter members. Les initiations des trois dernieres succursales sont des membres fondateurs.

New Branch.

Branch No. 287, was organized on September 14th, at Belliveau's Cove, N. S. by Grand Deputy Rev. J. J. Sullivan. The following is the list of officers:

- Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J. J. Sullivan. President, Edward E. Theriault. First Vice, Leo LeBlanc. Second Vice, Leander Pothier. Recording Secretary, O. A. Soucie. Assistant Secretary, Edward Gaudet. Financial Secretary, Joseph M. LeBlanc. Treasurer, Daniel R. Gaudet. Marshal, Gabriel Saulnier. Guard, Louis LeBlanc. Trustees, Leander Pothier, Frank Gaudet, Frank S. Belliveau, Edward E. Theriault, Edward Gaudet.

With two things a man is lifted up above earthly things—that is, with simplicity and parity.—The Imitation.

Brother J. J. Behan Honored.

The Catholic Record of the 18th ult says:

From the *Kingston News*, of September 9, we learn that ex alderman J. J. Behan has been appointed by the Government Inspector of gas and weights and measures. A more capable person could not have been chosen for this office. Mr. Behan is a sterling, upright gentleman, and has always been highly esteemed by the citizens of Kingston. He is one of the Executive of the C. M. B. A., and in this position he has manifested a breadth of view and administrative capacity which has proved of no small service to the association. While men of such capability hold prominent place in the C. M. B. A., its success and permanence are assured. We congratulate Bro. Behan, and hope he will live long to enjoy his new office.

The following reference to his appointment we take from the *Kingston News*:

"Monday ex Ald. J. J. Behan was surprised upon receiving a notice from Ottawa that he had been appointed Inspector of Gas and Weights and Measures at Kingston, his duties to commence on September 16th. His salary will be \$1,000 per annum, and the duties will be easy. He is well satisfied that he was not appointed to the Kingston Penitentiary, where confinement would not have been congenial to him. The appointment is a popular one, and Reformers and Conservatives alike unite in congratulating Mr. Behan on his success. He is an enterprising citizen, and well liked by all classes. He served the city as an alderman, representing Ontario ward, and in this capacity showed he had unusual ability. He developed into a clever speaker, and his ideas were always indicative of sound judgment. He was enthusiastic in his municipal duties, and was never known to shirk them.

"Mr. Behan was born in Ireland coming to America when he was only two years of age. His life has been spent in Kingston, and he received his education at St. Mary's school. On leaving school, he went to work for the late Thomas McKeever, in the flour business, and later was employed by the late Mr. Morrison. It was with Mr. J. Y. Parkhill that he learned the grocery business, remaining with him nine years. Lastly he worked for Mr. B. J. Leahy, and, after a short service, went into business on his own account. He is a prominent figure in Roman Catholic societies, and occupied the position of President of the I. C. B. C. He has also been prominent in the C. M. B. A., and has represented both these associations at their respective conventions in the United States and Canada. He is a member of the School Board, and has been an active Reformer for many years, holding the position of Vice President for some years."

Silver Wedding of Judge and Mrs. Landry.

The *Montreal Daily Star* of Wednesday, Sept. 22, refers as follows to the celebration of the Silver Wedding of Judge and Mrs. Landry:

A somewhat unique celebration of a Silver Wedding took place at Memramcook, N. B., on Friday last, September 17, when Hon. Mr. Justice Landry of Dorchester, N. B., and Mrs. Landry completed the twenty-fifth year of their married life. It was the intention of Judge and Mrs. Landry to restrict the observance of this interesting anniversary to a quiet family reunion. A few days before, however, the authorities of St. Joseph's College were made aware of the significance of the date to their most distinguished alumnus, and determined to mark their affection for him and his family in a fitting manner.

An invitation was accordingly sent to the Judge inviting him and all his family to spend the afternoon at his Alma Mater.

His two eldest sons are students at the institution. Rev. Fathers Roy, Cormier and O'Neil of the Faculty received the party on their arrival, and after offering hearty congratulations to their guests led them to the college refectory where a tempting luncheon was spread. At the conclusion of an enjoyable repast the Rev. President, Father Roy, arose and, with a few appropriate remarks, requested Mrs. Landry to accept from the Faculty a souvenir of the interesting occasion. The souvenir took the form of a very handsome silver soup-tureen and a silver fruit-dish.

Judge Landry was visibly touched by this marked proof of affection and esteem on the part of his Alma Mater and thanked the Fathers warmly on the part of himself and wife for their unexpected and delightful celebration of his wedding anniversary.

On the return of the party from St. Joseph's in the evening, a number of the Dorchester friends of the popular judge and his even more popular wife called at their residence and presented them with an address and several beautiful gifts. Mrs. Landry was also the fortunate recipient of a diamond ring

from her husband and an Ormolu clock, a souvenir from her seven children.

His Honor Judge Landry is a member of the C. M. B. A., of Canada. He joined the association in 1891, as a charter member of Branch No. 167, which he represented at the Hamilton and St. John conventions.

We offer our most sincere congratulations to the Judge and Mrs. Landry on the happy occasion of the happy event of which they were the object.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

To Brother Michael J. McDonald, by Branch No. 189.

To Michael J. McDonald, Esq.,

Accountant, Sydney, C. B.

Dear Sir and Brother: Your brother members of Branch 189, Sydney, having learned that you have resigned the position of responsibility and trust occupied by you for years in our midst and that you are now removing from Sydney to seek a betterment elsewhere, take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the interest you have taken in the welfare of this branch and the valuable service rendered by you as one of its efficient officers.

While all the members of the branch regret the loss of your companionship and the benefit of your faithful services as officer and member, they have the satisfaction of knowing, through their long personal acquaintance with you and your unimpaired character, especially your unquestionable honesty, sobriety, industry and uncommon business ability, that you will in the ordinary course of events achieve marked success, and that your object in now departing from our town, namely, your worldly and commendable desire for advancement in life, will in good time be realized. It is indeed the sincere wish and confident hope of your brethren of Branch 189 that, with reasonable opportunities, you will attain at a no distant date the success and distinction as a business man which your business ability and other excellent qualities merit; and to that end they pray that you may be blessed with health and strength to do your part.

In conclusion, you are respectfully requested to accept the accompanying gift as a small token of the good-will towards you entertained unanimously by your brother members of Branch No. 189.

Yours fraternally,

D. R. McDENNAN,

President.

JNO. G. YOUNG,

Rec. Sec.

Brother McDonald replied in the following terms:

Gentlemen and Dear Brothers,

In acknowledging your handsome gift and replying to your more than kind address, I do so with heartfelt appreciation of your great kindness and the honor you have done me.

It is with unfeigned regret that I sever my connection with Branch No. 189 and its members, and long shall I cherish the pleasant associations with you in the work you undertake, no matter where. In any case, or what avocation I may engage in, never shall my thoughts cease to revert to my friends of Branch No. 189 and the more than kind treatment I have received at their hands.

Your kind words and strong recommendation of myself, as set forth in the address, are of such a nature as to almost suggest undue flattery, but yet I shall ever make it my utmost endeavor to live up to your high estimate of my character, and in my life and work shall always aim to reflect credit upon myself as a member of the C. M. B. A.

I repeat that it is with unfeigned regret I part from my associates in the C. M. B. A., and my Sydney friends, but trust that opportunity may at times offer when I shall be enabled to renew these pleasant associations and on many another evening to enjoy the companionship of the members of Branch No. 189 at their meetings. God will carry away such pleasant recollections in their hall.

Again thanking you for the handsome gift and kind address, I bid you "au revoir but not good-bye."

CONGRATULATIONS

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 92, held in their hall, Teeswater, Ont., on the 7th of Sept., the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Whereas the members of Branch No. 92, having learned of the transfer of Bro. H. Campbell from Teeswater to a more lucrative position on the C. P. R. at Hamilton, and whereas the members of this branch herewith desire to place on record their high appreciation of the many good qualities of Bro. H. Campbell as a conscientious Catholic and the business manner in which he helped to promote the interests of this Branch; be it therefore

Resolved that, while we deeply regret having to part with so valuable a member, yet we are pleased to know that his transfer means a better position for himself and family, therefore be it further

Resolved that the members of this branch most earnestly wish Brother Campbell and his estimable wife every prosperity and God's blessing in their new home.

It was unanimously carried by the members that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Campbell and also sent to *The Canadian* for publication.

Signed on behalf of the members,
J. McKINNON, L. BATTLE,
President. Rec. Sec.

Funeral of Late Thomas Kelly.

The funeral of the late Brother Thomas Kelly, of Branch 108, Quebec city, took place from his residence to St. Patrick's Church and thence to St. Patrick's Cemetery. It was largely attended, and the cortege was headed by the members of the C. M. B. A. with their badges. The pall bearers were Bros. J. and Michael Thomas, P. Kirwin, P. Dobbin, J. Carbray and P. E. Lane. The church was heavily draped, and the service was performed by Rev. Father Woods, assisted by Reverend Fathers Maloney and Bonia. The Miserere was sung by Bro. R. Timmons.

OBITUARY.

MR. PATRICK MURRAY, LONDON.

Died, at St. Joseph's Hospital, on Thursday, September 16, Mr. Patrick Murray, late G. T. R. conductor.

The above announcement, which appeared in the daily papers of last week, was read with feelings of genuine regret by the very many friends of the family, not alone in this city but throughout the country. The late Mr. Murray had been a resident of London for a number of years, during nearly all of which time he occupied the position of conductor on the G. T. R. He leaves one son, Mr. James Murray, of the London Postoffice Department, a member and one of the officers of Branch J. C. M. B. A., to whom we offer our sincere condolence.

The funeral took place from Mr. James Murray's residence, 415 King street, on Saturday, September 18, to St. Peter's Cathedral, where Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McCormack, with Rev. M. J. Tiernan as deacon and Rev. P. J. Heures as sub-deacon. The church was well filled with the deceased's numerous old friends and acquaintances, many of whom also accompanied the remains to St. Peter's cemetery, where interment took place in the family plot. R. I. P.

LANDY.

On Sunday, 12th September, 1897, at 162 Strachan avenue, Toronto, Katie Landy, late of the Toronto College of Music, daughter of J. J. and H. M. M. Landy.

Such was the given notice which informed the public that another light had been quenched; another life translated from its earthly to its heavenly sphere, leaving a bereaved family to mourn the departure. Brief the words and brief the life of this daughter who passed away amid a scene of parental, brotherly and sisterly love; to join the choir of angels surrounding the throne of God, there to utilize in His praise talents which were a special gift to her and a source of pleasure to others in this life.

Brothers, by this removal deep affliction has been cast upon a worthy brother of Branch 39. To this brother, his wife and remaining children the members tender their heartfelt sympathy, and they unite in prayer to God that He comfort these afflicted in this their hour of desolation and sorrow.

Plants grow and flower, flowers wither and die; but the soul of man liveth forever.

Be it resolved that this expression of sympathy with our afflicted brother follow the usual course of procedure.

Signed on behalf of the members:

W. J. SMITH, Rec. Sec.

Resolutions of Condolence

Branch No. 44, Arnprior, Ont., on the death of brother, Grand Deputy Michael Galvin's daughter.

Branch No. 267, Truro, N. S., on the death of brother Frank S. McGee's brother.

Branch No. 44, Arnprior, Ont., on the death of brother Timothy Buckley's daughter.

Branch No. 27, Petrolia, Ont., on the death of brother John McKesson's wife.

Branch No. 79, Gananoque, Ont., on the death of brother William Cassidy's brother.

Branch No. 77, Lindsay, Ont., on the death of Mrs. Timothy Collins, mother of Rev. Fathers John Collins, of Sandwich, and T. P. Collins, of Brighton.

Branch No. 284, Glace Bay, N. S., on the death of Brother Lawrence Shanahan's sister.

Branch No. 187, Sturgeon Falls, Ont., on the death of Brother Gatten's three daughters.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 3, Amherstburg, held Sept. 3, 1897, the following resolutions were moved by Chanc. John B. Robidoux, seconded by second vice president, James Meehan.

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst by death, our esteemed Bro. Francis H. Park.

Resolved that while bowing to the will of God, we, the members of this branch desire to express our sincere sorrow at the sudden death of our late Brother, and we desire to extend our sympathy to the mother and family of our departed Brother, and we pray that God will comfort and sustain them in the loss of a dutiful son and a kind brother.

Resolved that these resolutions be spread on the minutes, and a copy of the same be sent to the official organ for publication.

At a special meeting called by the First Vice-President of Branch 21, St. Clements, Ont., held the 21st, August, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from amongst us our worthy and esteemed Brother John Louis Kroetsch and by his death the branch has lost a good President and the Association a charter member.

Resolved that while humbly submitting to the will of Providence we cannot refrain from expressing the sorrow we feel in the loss we have sustained and of tendering to his children and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, be it further

Resolved that the charter of the branch be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his children, *THE CANADIAN*, Catholic Record, Berlin Journal, Waterloo Banner, Grand.

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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 correspondant ne pas être 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. Les pages étant limitées, on voudra bien être concis.

Adressez toutes communications à
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LONDON, OCTOBRE, 1897.

EN GARDE.

Sous le titre, — "Les économies du peuple," La Presse de Montréal a publié un article dont nous détachons les lignes suivantes :

Au nombre des institutions qui demandent la surveillance et même la protection des pouvoirs publics il faut compter les Sociétés de Secours Mutuels.

Dans presque tous les pays d'Europe ces sociétés sont sous le contrôle de l'Etat qui examine leurs statuts et surveille leurs opérations.

En dehors de certaines conditions fixées par les pouvoirs publics aucune société de secours mutuels ne peut exister dans ces pays ; celles qui fonctionnent après avoir satisfait à la loi, sont encore obligées de soumettre leur gérance à des inspecteurs spéciaux et de souvent de déposer leurs fonds disponibles dans des caisses de l'Etat ou désignées par l'Etat.

Ces dispositions sont aussi sages que nécessaires et aident considérablement au développement de la mutualité cette institution si utile aux travailleurs.

Voici ce qui se passe et ce qui demande sans délai l'intervention du procureur général de la province de Québec.

Profitant des efforts faits par nos grandes sociétés de secours mutuels pour répandre dans notre population l'idée et le goût de la mutualité, un groupe de spéculateurs éhontés, de vulgaires filous, a fondé de nombreuses sociétés ; en établissant les statuts, les membres se sont aperçus du guépier dans lequel ils s'étaient fourrés.

La manière dont ces faiseurs opèrent est des plus simples : Ils fondent une société et en établissent les statuts, les taux des primes et celui des bénéfices de maladie ou de mort.

Pour attirer les membres ou plutôt les dupes, ils n'ont qu'à offrir des bénéfices plus considérables que ceux offerts par les bonnes et honnêtes sociétés, et à demander des versements moins élevés que ces dernières.

Avec cela et des agents ayant une forte commission et la langue bien pendue, on ramasse promptement 1,000 à 1,500 membres.

A \$3 d'entrée seulement, et à 50 cts de versement par mois, 1,000 membres représentent, pour la première année, un total de \$9,000.

Il y a quelquefois une deuxième année ; il n'y en a jamais trois, pour ces sociétés, qui ne sont que des vols organisés.

L'argent versé est mangé en commissions, en frais généraux et en gros salaires, ce se distribuent entre eux les officiers, c'est à dire les promoteurs.

Il y a à Montréal un personnage

connu de toutes les personnes s'occupant de mutualité, et qui, à lui seul, a déjà fondé et mangé, en moins de deux ans, une dizaine de sociétés mutuelles.

Si le procureur général désire savoir son nom et connaître ses méthodes, on lui placera entre les mains des documents qui le mettront à même d'envoyer ce personnage tenir sa part dans le concert des artistes de St-Vincent de Paul.

Le mal que ces sociétés malhonnêtes font à la mutualité est de deux espèces. Premièrement, elles détournent à tout jamais des sociétés honnêtes les personnes qu'elles ont trompées et qui sont portées à croire que toutes les sociétés se ressemblent et qu'il vaut mieux verser 50c à la banque qu'à la caisse d'une mutuelle.

Deuxièmement, ces sociétés de filouterie en abaissant leurs primes et en élevant leurs bénéfices forcent souvent les sociétés honnêtes à les suivre dans cette voie dangereuse et à diminuer, par conséquence, la garantie qu'elles offrent à leurs membres.

Le secours mutuel, comme l'assurance, est un problème scientifique dont les termes sont immuablement établis et on ne peut les méconnaître sans mettre en danger la solidité financière de l'association.

Les exploiters se moquent bien de ces lois inconnues du public, et ne fixent leurs taux que dans des conditions pouvant attirer les dupes.

Cette exploitation serait impossible avec la surveillance et le contrôle de l'Etat, dont l'intervention aurait pour effet de mettre le public en garde contre l'établissement de sociétés basées sur de fausses données et d'assurer le bon emploi des fonds des sociétés existantes.

Si l'Etat ne se décide pas à intervenir, et si, en attendant cette intervention, la justice ne se décide pas à retirer son bandeau et à regarder dans les comptes des sociétés que nous dénonçons, la Mutualité qui fleurit dans le monde entier pour le plus grand bien des petites gens, sera tuée dans la province de Québec, comme l'ont été, il y a vingt ans, les sociétés de construction qui, dans d'autres pays, ont tant contribué à faire de l'ouvrier un propriétaire.

Demandez votre admission dans l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada, concitoyens de la province de Québec, et vous aurez la garantie d'une société sous le contrôle de l'Etat.

Le Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada est incorporé par un acte du gouvernement de La Puissance et sous la surveillance du surintendant des assurances. Dans sa tournée annuelle, au mois de Juin, ce dernier s'est exprimé bien satisfait à la suite de son inspection des affaires de l'Association.

ADRESSE SUR L'A. C. B. M.

Da Revd. M. O'Brien aux Délégués à la Convention du Grand Conseil de Michigan.

Nos lecteurs prendront beaucoup d'intérêt dans l'extrait suivant, que nous traduisons du Michigan Catholique, d'un très remarquable sermon prononcé par le Revd. M. O'Brien de Kalamazoo, le 1er du mois dernier, à Ann Arbor : C'est un plaisir pour moi sur l'invitation du digne curé de cette paroisse de vous adresser une chaleureuse bienvenue au service de ce matin.

Le vrai Catholique commence tous ses travaux en invoquant l'aide de Dieu. Le fait que vous en agissez

ainsi en assistant au Saint Sacrifice qui nous apporte Dieu, dans sa présence Eucharistique, est la meilleure preuve de votre Catholicité.

De nos jours il est besoin de Chrétiens honnêtes et forts pour professer ouvertement leur foi dans tout ce que la Sainte Eglise croit et enseigne. Courber la tête dans une humble soumission à la voix de Dieu est considéré, par le monde, comme n'étant pas nécessaire. Être le suivant du doux et humble Sauveur est considéré comme indigne d'un homme, par ceux qui ne savent pas mieux. Notre mère l'Eglise a besoin de héros maintenant, comme au temps des premiers siècles. Il est vrai qu'aucune persécution sanglante nous attend, mais ce qui, pour quelques uns, est beaucoup plus — le mépris et la haine contre nous et notre Eglise par une nombreuse classe de nos citoyens, exigent de braves et héroïques âmes pour porter courageusement haut l'étendard de la croix et proclamer ouvertement notre foi — le plus grand legs que nos pères nous ont laissé.

Il est besoin maintenant plus que jamais de vrais Catholiques laïques, pour éclairer par leur exemple et leur conseil le grand nombre de nos frères, qui sont dans les ténèbres et l'ombre de la mort. Des hommes sincères qui serviront Dieu de préférence à tout autre. Des hommes sincères, comme de braves soldats, prêts à obéir aux commandements de leurs pasteurs que Dieu a placés au-dessus d'eux comme capitaines dans Israël. Des hommes sincères qui observeront les lois de Dieu à l'édification de leur prochain, et à leur propre sanctification.

Nous avons raison de croire que vous êtes de ceux là. Que vous êtes les représentants de cette sainte Eglise de qui vos prêtres peuvent être fiers, et que vous ferez honneur à Elle et à eux.

Dans notre association nous avons la charge d'Aviser Spirituel Suprême. L'Aviser Spirituel Suprême de chaque Catholique est son curé dans sa paroisse. Dans quelques cas, un appel à l'Evêque est nécessaire en justice pour tous ceux qui sont concernés, mais la grande règle est que votre curé est votre Aviser Spirituel Suprême. Vous lui devez allégeance. Pourquoi ? Il a été placé au-dessus de vous. Cet homme de Dieu est avec vous depuis votre naissance jusqu'à votre mort. C'est lui qui fait de l'enfant un héritier du ciel ; c'est lui qui vous suit à travers la vie jusqu'à ce qu'il se penche sur votre lit de mort, et qui alors, dans ce moment suprême de votre existence, devient suprême dans la vérité pour vous, et prononce les divines paroles, "Je t'absous de tes péchés."

La Foi nous enseigne l'obéissance. L'humble soumission de notre volonté en toutes choses qui sont correctes, est cette chose requise, qui rend un homme brave un héros. Sur notre champ de bataille pour l'éternel bonheur notre foi nous enseigne que les opinions individuelles ne sont pas tolérées. En ce qui concerne les affaires humaines nous pouvons avoir des opinions, mais pour ce qui regarde la foi, une humble soumission est requise, et que nous l'aimons ou non, nous devons obéir au commandement, et accepter tout ce que l'Eglise enseigne parce que Dieu l'a déclaré. "Qui ne peut tromper ou être trompé."

Les Evêques, successeurs des Apôtres, sont les porte voix de l'Eglise pour nous. Assemblés en concile solennel ils ont promulgué le décret

sulvant du Quatrième Concile Provincial de Cincinnati, qui désigne très clairement les droits et les devoirs des sociétés Catholiques :

1 Pour ce qui concerne le but de ces sociétés les Pères du Concile ont décrété :

(a) Aucune société ne sera considérée Catholique, dont la nature, l'objet et la constitution, après investigation convenable, n'ont pas été approuvés par écrit par l'Evêque.

(b) Une société une fois approuvée ne peut changer ses fins ou ses lois sans consulter l'Evêque.

(c) Chaque société Catholique doit avoir son Directeur Spirituel.

2 Pour ce qui regarde les membres les Pères du Concile ont décrété :

(a) Qu'ils soient Catholiques ;

(b) Qu'ils jouissent d'une bonne réputation ;

(c) Qu'à part des jours fixes ils approchent du Saint Sacrement au moins au temps de Pâques dans leur Eglise paroissiale ;

(d) Qu'ils contribuent d'une manière convenable au maintien de l'Eglise et du culte divin ;

(e) Que s'ils ont des enfants en âge de fréquenter les écoles, ils les envoient aux écoles Catholiques, quand elles existent ;

(f) Qu'ils ne donnent pas le mauvais exemple dans leurs mœurs ou par désobéissance aux autorités ecclésiastiques.

Ces décrets ayant été approuvés par le Saint Siège, deviennent pour nous la voix du Christ sur la terre.

Que vous dirai-je à vous Délégués qui allez entrer en conseil pour l'amélioration d'un très grand nombre de vos confrères Catholiques. Sur vous repose une grande responsabilité. Le bien être de milliers dépendra de vos actions. L'homme pauvre, qui à même sa maigre pitance, paye ses cotisations pour que sa femme et ses petits enfants puissent être avantagés lorsque ses jours seront comptés, a les yeux sur vous. Ceux qui sont plus bénis sous le rapport de biens terrestres vous regardent comme les financiers veillant sur leurs placements. Vous avez besoin de l'esprit de Dieu pour vous conduire à satisfaire tout le monde. Dans l'esprit de Dieu seul vous pouvez avoir confiance. Prouvez que vous êtes de dignes fils de l'Eglise et de loyaux enfants de votre pays. Que l'esprit de religion anime vos actions.

Vous êtes le pivot dont dépend la réussite ou l'insuccès. Le secret de votre succès doit être dans votre loyauté à l'Eglise. Gardez bien notre Association, je vous prie. Protégez-la. J'en appelle à vous en faveur des orphelins et des veuves dont l'avenir dépend de vous.

Je vous souhaite le succès de Dieu dans votre travail. Au milieu des petites difficultés parlementaires qui pourront survenir manifestez de la patience. Suivez à jamais le doigt qui indique de plus hautes et plus saintes choses. Nous vous saluons fraternellement et prions le bon Dieu de répandre ses faveurs sur vous. Nous vous bénissons au nom de Dieu, et comme Son représentant. Nous le supplions que la paix, l'amour, la joie, et toutes les autres vertus qui font la vie heureuse en ce monde, et dans l'autre, soient à jamais votre partage. Amen.

Nouvelle Succursale.

La succursale No. 247 a été instituée le 14 Septembre, à Belliveau's Cove, N. E., par le Grand Député Revd. J. J. Sullivan. Nous publions la liste des officiers dans la partie Anglaise.

ASSEMBLEE DU BUREAU DES SYNDICS.

Une assemblée du Bureau des Syndics du Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada a eu lieu à Toronto, Ont., Lundi, le 4 Octobre, 1897.

Étaient présents, le Grand Président l'Hon. M. F. Hackett, les Syndics Rev. M. J. Tiernan, Frères J. J. Behan, W. P. Killackey, P. J. O'Keefe, P. J. Rooney, le Solliciteur l' R. Latchford, le Médecin Examineur ou chef Dr. E. Ryan, le Grand Trésorier W. J. McKee et le Grand Secrétaire S. R. Brown. Les affaires furent transigées comme suit :

Les minutes de la dernière assemblée furent lues, approuvées et signées.

Une communication de Made. Sullivan au sujet d'annoncer l'A. C. B. M. dans "The Catholic Almanac" fut lue, et le Grand Secrétaire reçut instruction de répondre que l'Association n'avait pas de fonds pour un tel objet.

Il fut décidé que le droit de membre dans l'A. C. B. M. du Canada des membres qui reviennent de l'A. C. B. M. des Etats-Unis est sous condition qu'ils détiennent leurs polices du Conseil Suprême en échange d'une police du Grand Conseil de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.

La question d'emprunt d'argent sur polices de l'A. C. B. M. fut renvoyée au Solliciteur Latchford avec prière de donner dans LE CANADIEN des instructions et des explications complètes sur ce sujet.

L'action du Grand Président et des Syndics concernant les appels depuis la dernière assemblée du Bureau fut ratifiée.

Un appel de la Succursale No. 187, Sturgeon Falls, Ont., fut décliné pour plus amples informations.

Un appel de la Succursale No. 256, Somerset, Man., fut désavoué.

Une question concernant la police d'un membre fut laissée entre les mains du Solliciteur Latchford.

Le Solliciteur expliqua au Bureau l'action prise dans le cas de Mr. Loyer, un ex-membre de la Succursale No. 87, Montréal, P. Q., pour une remise d'argent.

La question du pouvoir d'une succursale sur son fonds général fut discutée, et il fut décidé que ce fonds était la propriété de la succursale et pouvait être employé sur un vote des deux tiers des membres à une assemblée régulière, conformément aux clauses 71 et 195 de notre constitution.

Une communication de la Succursale No. 268, Thurso, P. Q., au sujet de tenir les assemblées de cette succursale le Dimanche ou seulement qu'une fois par mois fut laissée entre les mains du Grand Secrétaire et du Solliciteur pour y répondre.

Le Grand Secrétaire annonça au Bureau qu'il avait placé \$100 d'assurance sur l'ameublement de son bureau et les fournitures. Aussi qu'il avait un bail du loyer pour jusqu'au 1er Octobre, 1898.

Une discussion eut lieu concernant la question du certificat de naissance ou déclaration d'âge des aspirants, et sur proposition du Grand Syndic J. J. Behan, secondé par le Grand Syndic P. J. O'Keefe, le Grand Secrétaire reçut instruction de ne pas émettre de police à aucun nouveau membre dont il n'aura pas reçu le certificat de naissance ou une déclaration au sujet de son âge.

Il fut proposé par le Grand Syndic Behan, secondé par le Grand Syndic P. J. Rooney, qu'une somme suffisante soit placée à la disposition du Grand Secrétaire dans le but d'acheter un prêt pour son bureau; aussi qu'il soit

autorisé à faire écrire dans deux fenêtres du bureau le nom de l'Association.

Une discussion générale eut lieu au sujet de réclamations de la part certaines personnes qui abandonneront l'Association parce qu'elles avaient plus de cinquante ans à l'époque de leur entrée, et qui maintenant demandent une remise de l'argent qu'ils ont payé à l'A. C. B. M.

Sur proposition du Grand Syndic Rooney, secondé par le Grand Syndic Behan, le Solliciteur reçut instruction de défendre la première action qui serait prise contre l'Association ou recouvrement d'une telle réclamation.

La réclamation Leyden fut, en raison de la cause de la mort, renvoyée au Solliciteur pour investigation, et rapport au Grand Président, ce rapport devant être considéré comme la décision du Bureau.

Il fut décidé de réduire le format de notre "Demande d'admission" en lui donnant une forme plus compacte.

Le Grand Secrétaire reçut instruction de demander des souscriptions pour les fournitures de l'A. C. B. M. quand le stock en mains sera épuisé.

Les réclamations de feu le Rév. Carrier, de la Succursale No. 96, Lévis, P. Q., et de feu frère M. P. Halpin, de la Succursale No. 42, Brockville, Ont., furent renvoyées au Grand Président, au Médecin Examineur en Chef et au Solliciteur pour investigation, et le Grand Secrétaire reçut instruction de ne pas faire payer ces réclamations avant de recevoir un rapport du Solliciteur autorisant tels paiements.

Le Bureau Aviseur de l'A. C. B. M. à Toronto invita le Grand Président et tous les autres membres de l'Exécutif du Grand Conseil à assister à une réception sous les auspices des membres de Toronto dans la soirée du 4 Octobre. L'invitation fut acceptée avec remerciements, et autant des membres de l'Exécutif qui pouvaient le faire promirent d'assister.

Frère Wm. Moran adressa la parole au Bureau sur la question des décès dans l'A. C. B. M., et laissa au Grand Président un document traitant sur le sujet.

Le Grand Secrétaire présenta le rapport qui paraît dans la partie Anglaise, faisant voir que depuis la date de l'installation du Grand Conseil au 1er Septembre, 1897, il a été payé \$1,326, 943, 10, dans le Fonds des Bénéfices par les membres de l'association.

De ce montant la magnifique somme de \$1,267, 171. 40 a été payée aux bénéficiaires de nos frères défunts; et \$59, 771 70 ont été transférés au fonds de réserve, lequel, avec \$7, 197. 94 d'intérêt accru, se monte présentement à \$66, 969 64.

Un comité, composé du Grand Président l'Hon. M. F. Hackett, des Grands Syndics Behan, O'Keefe, Killackey et Rooney, du Grand Trésorier McKee et du Solliciteur Latchford, fut nommé pour faire tous les arrangements nécessaires concernant les accommodations de chemin de fer et autres et les prix de passage pour la convention de Québec, aussi pour préparer un état de l'indemnité per diem et de l'allouance pour chars d'ortoirs, ce rapport devant être prêt pour le Grand Trésorier le 1er jour de la convention. Le comité a aussi le pouvoir de décider la date, dans les limites des règlements contenus dans la constitution, à laquelle cette convention aura lieu.

Le Grand Secrétaire reçut instruction de communiquer avec la compagnie de Garantie concernant la nécessité d'avoir une formule "d'application pour garantie" plus convenable pour

l'A. C. B. M., et en Français comme en Anglais, et devant être prête avant le 1er Janvier, 1898.

Le Grand Trésorier fut autorisé de se procurer la papeterie ou formules imprimées nécessaires pour conduire les affaires en rapport avec la charge de Trésorier.

Une discussion eut lieu concernant la question d'organisateur, et il fut proposé par le Grand Syndic O'Keefe, secondé par le Rév. M. J. Tiernan, que frère P. J. Montreuil, de la Succursale No. 96, Lévis, P. Q., soit nommé organisateur de l'A. C. B. M. pour la Province de Québec pour deux mois, et frère W. P. Killackey, organisateur pour Ontario pour deux mois, et que la date à laquelle ces organisateurs commenceront leur travail et la rémunération qu'ils recevront soient laissées entre les mains du Grand Président.

Il fut jugé à propos que les membres de l'Exécutif visitent les succursales quand il leur sera possible, et s'efforcent de soulever plus d'enthousiasme dans le travail de l'A. C. B. M.

Le Solliciteur Latchford consentit à visiter les succursales dans la Vallée d'Ottawa.

Le Grand Syndic Behan et le Médecin Examineur en Chef Ryan, les succursales de Berlin, Waterloo, Trenton, Brockville, etc.

Le Grand Syndic Rooney, les succursales de Earrie, Owen Sound, Lindsay, etc.

Le Grand Président et le Grand Syndic O'Keefe s'entendront pour les Provinces Maritimes.

Le Grand Trésorier pria le Bureau d'exprimer une opinion sur la manière dont il émet les chèques ou traites en paiement des réclamations. Il dit que des plaintes étaient faites parce que les traites ne sont pas payables au pair partout. Les membres du Bureau se déclarèrent bien satisfaits du système de faire remise du Grand Trésorier, et ne désirèrent faire aucun changement.

Après avoir discuté d'affaires de l'A. C. B. M. d'une manière générale, le Grand Syndic Behan proposa, secondé par le Grand Syndic Rooney, que la prochaine assemblée du Bureau des Syndics soit tenue en la cité de Montréal, P. Q., dans le mois de Mai, 1898, à une date devant être décidée par le Grand Président.

Et le Bureau ajourna alors pour se réunir à l'appel du Grand Président.

SAM. R. BROWN,

Grand Sec.

NOMINATIONS ET ELECTIONS.

Les nominations d'officiers des succursales de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada pour le prochain terme, doivent être faites à la dernière assemblée régulière des succursales en Novembre.

Les élections doivent avoir lieu à la première assemblée des succursales en Décembre.

Aux prochaines nominations et élections, un représentant et un substitut à la convention de 1898 du Grand Conseil doivent être mis en nomination et élus par chaque succursale.

Afin de bien comprendre cette partie de notre travail, les officiers des succursales voudront bien lire les clauses 163—165—166—167—168 et 169 de la constitution.

Aucun membre ne devrait accepter la nomination à la charge de Secrétaire Financier ou Trésorier à moins d'être disposé à faire application pour une garantie en conformité des clauses 176—177 et 181 de la constitution.

La taxe per Capita pour le terme finissant le 30 Septembre est due et les Succursales devraient en faire la remise sans délai. Voir Clause 60ème de la constitution.

Accuse de Reception.

S. R. Brown,

Grand Sec. A. C. B. M. :

Cher Monsieur : J'ai reçu du Secrétaire de l'A. C. B. M. succursale No. 11, Galt, Ont., un chèque pour \$2,000, montant de la police émise à mon défunt mari, Eugène Sullivan. Je désire vous exprimer mon appréciation de la manière courtoise avec laquelle j'ai été traité dans le règlement de cette réclamation. Je vous remercie et j'aurai toujours un bon mot pour le Grand Conseil de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle du Canada. Souhaitant à votre Conseil beaucoup de succès

Je demeure sincèrement,
Made R. Sullivan,
Campbellville, Ont.

Brillante Reception Faite à l'Hon. M. F. Hackett.

Faute d'espace nous sommes forcément obligés de remettre au prochain numéro la traduction du compte-rendu, qui paraît dans la partie Anglaise, de la brillante réception faite à notre Grand Président par les membres des succursales réunies de Toronto, et la succursale No. 91, de Guelph, Ont.

Il suffira de dire pour le moment que la démonstration en ces deux endroits a été tout simplement grandiose, et que dans sa réponse aux adresses qui lui furent présentées, l'Hon. M. F. Hackett, avec son talent oratoire, a soulevé l'admiration et les applaudissements de ses auditeurs, à l'honneur de l'Association qu'il préside si dignement.

Noces d'Argent de M. le juge et Made. P. A. Landry.

Le Star de Montréal a publié dans son numéro du 22 Septembre dernier un rapport résumé de la célébration des Noces d'Argent de M. le juge et Made P. A. Landry, de Dorchester, N. B. Nous publions ce rapport dans la partie Anglaise.

M. le juge Landry est membre de l'A. C. B. M. Il est entré dans l'association en 1891, comme membre fondateur de la succursale No. 167 qu'il représente aux conventions de Hamilton, Ont., et St. Jean, N. B.

M. le juge Landry voudra bien accepter nos plus sincères félicitations pour lui-même et Made. Landry à l'occasion de l'heureux événement dont ils ont été l'objet.

Grand Syndic J. J. Behan.

Nous constatons dans le Catholic Record du 18 du mois dernier que frère J. J. Behan, de Kington, l'un des Grands Syndics de notre association, a été nommé par le Gouvernement Fédéral Inspecteur de Gaz et des Poids et Mesures avec un salaire de \$1000 par année. Nous offrons nos plus chaleureuses félicitations à frère Behan à l'occasion de sa nomination.

ROLE d'HONNEUR.

Les succursales No. 76, Belleville, Ont., et No. 222, Gravenhurst, Ont., tiennent le premier rang sur le rôle d'honneur pour le plus grand nombre d'initiations pendant le mois d'Août, ayant initié chacune cinq membres. Les succursales Nos. 44, 126, 154, 183 et 245 viennent en second lieu, ayant initié chacune trois membres.