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## Remittances to the Grand Secretary.

We have been asked the following question: Which officer of a branch is it the duty of to remit assessment money to the Grand Secretary?

It is the Treasurer's duty. See Section 10, Constitution; and all remittances should be by draft, marked cheque at par, post office order or express order.

## Certificates of Birth.

Section 145 of our Constitution says: "Branches shall insist upon a statutory declaration from an applicant with respect to age or the production of a certificate of birth in all cases, and such declaration of age or certificate of birth shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary by the Recording Secretary of the branch, with the application for membership, when the applicant is initiated."

Several of our branches seem to pay no attention to this very important regulation of our Association; and this neglect is the cause of a large number of members not receiving policies, and may lead to a great deal of trouble hereafter. We cannot understand why the officers of any branch should violate our Constitution by allowing an applicant, who has not produced satisfactory proof of age, to be balloted for and initiated. They have no more right to violate this than any other section of the Constitution.

## Annual Elections

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

The election of representatives and alternates to the next convention of the Grand Council shall not take place until the general election in December, 1900.

The attention of our members is called to sections 163, 166, 167, 168 and 169.

We trust that as few changes as possible be made in the offices of Recording Secretaries, Financial Secretaries,

and Treasurers. It takes considerable time to become conversant with the duties of those offices, and where we have good competent men filling those positions at present, it would certainly be advisable to endeavor to keep them there. Incompetent men (and we undoubtedly have some) and unwilling men should not be kept in office.

## Annual Nominations for Officers of Branches.

Nominations for officers of branches shall be made at the last regular meeting of branches in November.

The presiding officer shall not close the nominations for any office until every member present and in good standing, that desires, has nominated a person or persons for each office to be filled.

A member who is duly qualified may be nominated, though he be absent from the meeting.

Any member in good standing in a branch shall be eligible to any office therein, except that of President, which must be filled by a Chancellor or by an officer who has served a full term or who is filling an elective office at the time of nomination. This does not apply to the office of President at the formation of a new branch.

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

Every member who accepts nomination for any particular office should be willing to comply with all the regulations in our constitution pertaining to said office, if elected.

## Lapsed and Constitutionally Expelled Members, etc.

In looking around for new members for our Association it would appear as if those who, through carelessness or want of means (when they were formerly members), dropped out by virtue of the Constitution, were lost sight of altogether.

As during the past four or five years these number many hundreds, and as they thoroughly understand our Association and its workings, etc., we would strongly urge our members to go carefully over their roll book and make an effort to have them return to the old home. Especially is this the case in regard to younger subjects, many of whom we know would gladly take the matter into consideration if properly approached by some zealous member.

Another matter that would prevent a great deal of unfair criticism is that each member, after reading this article, would procure a statement from Financial Secretary's ledger of every dollar paid for assessments each year and make a general average of cost per \$1000. This would, we are sure, convince them that the C. M. B. A. is still what it has ever claimed it was: the safest, cheapest and best. What is really needed is more work by in-

dividual members. Now, brothers, let us see the branches which will give us the increases.

## The Kingston Meeting.

We would ask all readers of THE CANADIAN to carefully review the account of the meeting in Kingston, which appears in another column. Outside of our convention proper no meeting has been held of greater moment to the C. M. B. A. The address of our Grand President, powerful and pointed as it always is, never fails to produce an important effect upon his hearers—an effect always productive of good. For all his efforts in keeping alive the enthusiasm of our members and bringing recruits to our ranks, the Grand President deserves the love of every member of the Association. But it is in the fact that two Princes of the Church—one on the day of his consecration, and the other after preaching the consecration sermon—should think so highly of our Association as to visit the meeting, address it, and give the Association their blessing and encouragement; in this fact will the Kingston meeting be a most memorable one. To no other Association has a like favor been vouchsafed. Let us be thankful for this great recognition from two such eminent ecclesiastics. Let us prove worthy their estimation and confidence. Let their words of love and cheer sink deep into our hearts, and every member of the C. M. B. A. should profit by the occasion to go forth and do his duty. The soil is ready to be tilled, and every member should be a laborer. To the two distinguished Archbishops the Association offers its heartfelt thanks. The day, one of joy, yet of responsibility to them, was one of even greater joy, yet greater responsibility to us as an association. May we be ever worthy of the confidence and trust. And that God's blessing and guidance may be ever with them, is the earnest prayer of every member of the C. M. B. A.

## THE CONSECRATION OF HIS GRACE MOST REV. C. E. GAUTHIER.

And the Meeting of the C. M. B. A. at Kingston.

An event of the greatest importance for and significance to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association occurred in Kingston, on Oct. 18, the day upon which His Grace Most Rev. C. E. Gauthier was consecrated to the Archbishopric of Kingston. Branch No. 9, of Kingston, and the Grand officers of the Association residing in Kingston, Messrs. Bohan and Dr. Ryan, conceived the idea of holding a great public reception on that day. Accordingly, arrangements were made, committees appointed and invitations sent to all the branches in central Ontario. In conjunction with Rev. Father Stanton, of Smith's Falls, excursion rates were secured for all intending visiting C. M. B. A. members and their friends, in many instances special

train services being supplied. Invitations were issued to the Grand officers and the leading C. M. B. A. men throughout Canada. The splendid band of the Fourteenth Battalion was engaged for the event, which took place in the Grand Opera House. At 3 o'clock the meeting was opened. Every seat was filled and standing room in the passages could not even be secured. Fully two thousand people were present and hundreds unfortunately were turned away for want of accommodation. Grand Supervising Medical Examiner Dr. Ryan occupied the chair, and those of our delegates who attended the Conventions at Ottawa and Quebec can appreciate his capacity as chairman of the meeting. Seated on the platform with the chairman were: His Grace Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, Archbishop of Kingston; His Grace Most Rev. C. O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax, Grand Spiritual Adviser of the C. M. B. A.; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Halifax; Vicar General Kelly, Kingston; Rev. Frank Ryan, Toronto; Dean Masterson, Prescott; Rev. Fathers Spratt, Wolfe Island; O'Gorman, Gananoque; Carey, Brewer's Mills; Hogan, Deseronto; Hartigan, Camden East; Quinn, Marysville; Twomey, Morrisburg; Beecher, New York; Stanton, Smith's Falls; French, Renfrew; McKeon, Mt. St. Patrick; Hon. M. F. Hackett, Stanstead, Que.; John J. Bohan, Kingston; Sir William Hingston, Montreal; Hon. Senator Sullivan, Kingston; M. J. F. Quinn, M. P., Montreal; J. R. O'Reilly, Prescott; F. R. Latchford, Grand Solicitor, Ottawa; P. J. Galvin, Grand Guard, Almonte; T. J. Leahy, J. Coyle and T. P. Connor, Kingston. Many prominent clergymen and laymen occupied seats among the audience besides those whose names are here given. —Dr. Ryan, in a few words, explained the object of the meeting. It was the desire of the Association to rejoice in the elevation of their well-beloved brother, Archbishop Gauthier, to the dignity of his high office and to give the members present an opportunity to hear him and to meet him on this important day of his consecration. No less would they be rejoiced to meet and to hear the distinguished ecclesiastic from Halifax, Archbishop O'Brien, who had honored the Association by becoming its spiritual head. And all would be glad to meet again their ever popular Grand President and to listen to his fervent advocacy of his noble Association, the C. M. B. A. The chairman then called upon Mr. Jas. Coyle, President of Branch 9, to read an address of welcome to Grand President Hackett:

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

Dear Sir and Brother, Branch No. 9, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, offer you, our Grand President, heartiest greetings upon your first visit to the city of Kingston. We welcome you more especially on this festive day, when our hearts are gladdened by the elevation to Kingston's historic See of our distinguished brother, Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, D. D.

As members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, we are proud in having in you, our executive head, a man so well known, so universally respected, so talented, and so enthusiastic in all that pertains to the advancement of our whole organization. We cannot speak too highly of your administration, as evidenced in the healthy numerical growth of the society, in its ever increasing financial standing, and in its widening influence for all that makes for the happiness and prosperity of its members and of the community.

For, national in its character, devoted entirely to the wellbeing of its membership, to their temporal prosperity and their spirit-

ual elevation, to all that makes them better men and better citizens, this grand organization, under your guiding hand, is erecting a fortress that guards alike our homes and the destinies of our beloved country.

To you, our Grand President, our brothers here today render fealty and affection.

We thank you for the honor you have conferred upon us by your presence here today, and we offer you our warm allegiance and undivided support in all your efforts for the greater glory of the Association we love so well.

Signed on behalf of Branch No. 9, C. M. B. A., James Coyle, President.

The Grand President, on rising to respond, was met with the warmest greeting. His speech was a magnificent effort throughout, and created a great impression on the minds of the vast audience. His tributes to Catholicity, to the fraternal ideal as embodied in the C. M. B. A., to the sanctity of the home and family, preserved through its efforts, were gems that well merited the applause they received. He rejoiced, he said, that this meeting, the first of its kind to take place in Kingston, was being held on such an occasion as the present, a day long to be remembered by the Roman Catholics of Kingston; and he felt, moreover, flattered and proud that it was his pleasure and privilege to address them on such an auspicious occasion. He referred to the services of the morning, to the able and inspiring sermon of Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax. The heart of every Roman Catholic in Kingston warmed to the talented, able and virtuous man whom they were now proud to call their Archbishop. He then entered on a lengthy consideration of the organization, the objects and the needs of the C. M. B. A. Among other things he said that it was a Canadian institution, and the aims of its members should be Canada first, last, and always, particularly in matters of finance. Every dollar paid by a Canadian in the order should be deposited in a Canadian bank, and every dollar of our money is so deposited. "What is the C. M. B. A.?" It was, he said, a society having for its object the education and elevation of all the Roman Catholics in the Dominion. "We are a band of Catholics, brothers, with no opposition to anyone, and only asking that all our members kneel at the same altar, and there is no group of Catholics in America that does not feel the influence of the order. Our mission also is to protect, by means of the order, the widow and orphan. Our mission, therefore, is great, noble, and generous. There is no creed but can say, 'Go on in your noble work.' We have no rivalry except in doing good. This age is an age of combination, an age of crystallization of effort in order to get the best results." The speaker called on members of the order to be an example of right living and well doing. Canada had produced not a few Roman Catholics who had done much for the public weal. In their dealings one with another, he urged his hearers to endeavor to show that the brotherhood of man was more than a name and fraternity more than an empty sound. It was time that the Roman Catholics should know their strength from one end of the land to the other, and in order to the better accomplishment of this he called on all members of the Church, no matter what age, to join the ranks of the C. M. B. A. He thought that there should be more sincerity in carrying out the objects of the society. Too often they met the poor man, the man with a tattered coat, in quite a friendly way under cover and in the atmosphere of the society, but on the street and under various other circumstances they passed him by or shunned

his company. This must not be. He thought their Protestant brothers were an example to them in that respect. Further, he asked his hearers to give all their support to Canadian institutions. It was time that loyalty to Canada in financial matters should be practised as well as loyalty to her in other things. He called on them to foster a deep rooted love for Canada. The sacred association of the old land might be very dear to them, but those very sentiments of love for the Old Country and dear ones should make them better Canadians, and better husbands and fathers.

As a member of the association in Quebec, he brought greeting to his brothers in Ontario—the cradle of the Association and its mainstay in its hours of trial. In the name of Catholicity, in the name of fraternity, in the name of charity, he called on his hearers to join the Association. He urged upon the well to do and the wealthy to join, because of their influence and their example, and those upon whom fortune had not smiled so favorably, to become members, that their families might be protected from hardship and want. In the C. M. B. A. we find the ideal association, the true Catholic association, the true fraternal spirit, the secure financial institution, all combining in unity, charity and fraternity. Mr. Hackett was given a regular ovation on taking his seat.

Dr. Ryan then stepped forward and said: We rejoice in having with us to-day our brother, Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, who has generously been pleased, on this important day of his life, to attend our demonstration and to mark his approval of us as an organization. It is a mark of great consideration, one that must give joy to the heart of every C. M. B. A. member, and one that will encourage us beyond measure in the prosecution of our noble work.

He then called upon Hon. M. F. Hackett, as Grand President, to read the address of welcome to His Grace Archbishop Gauthier.

Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, Archbishop of Kingston:  
May it please Your Grace—

Upon this day, so momentous to you and to us, your faithful people have assembled to rejoice in the glory that has come upon you and to give expression to their heartfelt pleasure upon your selection to the See of Kingston. We must first congratulate you as a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and express to you our unfeigned pleasure that one who has honored us as a member has been raised in your distinguished position. But it is as members of that one great community, the Church, that we rejoice in the work that has been today consummated. Many in this hall have already known the wisdom of your gifted administration in the fields you have already tilled. Sitting on this platform are those who, in the days gone by, sought knowledge from the fountain of your learning in the famous College of Regiopolis. And down the vista can be traced, step by step, the landmarks by which you have advanced to the exalted position you occupy to-day. Through all these years you have labored where the thorns were many and the roses few, where faced you on all sides every difficulty that confronts the pioneer missionary; yet no labor was too great to be undertaken, nor any difficulty that could not be overcome. With far-seeing intelligence and untiring energy you have devoted yourself to the many-sided duties of the onerous and important offices you have already filled. You have guarded the educational welfare of our children, erected churches to the glory of God, and founded hospitals where His poor and afflicted might find comfort, tender sympathy and unremitting attention. And in all your relations with your people your charm of manner, your urbanity, your fatherly and kindly interest in all to whom you have ministered, have made you the beloved pastor and endearing friend; so your children of the C. M. B. A., assembled here from every corner of your diocese, bring you encouragement, loyalty and obedience; they pledge you undying assistance and unwavering de-

otion, and their united prayers will ever ascend to the throne of the Eternal Father that your days may be happy and the works of your hand crowned with success.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Council Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.

M. F. HACKETT,  
Grand President.

When His Grace came forward to address the meeting every member of the vast audience arose and cheered again and again.

His Grace said it gave him great pleasure to be the recipient of such an address from his brother members of the C. M. B. A. He had been associated with a branch of the order for years, and in leaving his parish one of the chords hardest to sever was that which bound him to the C. M. B. A. I admire the Association: I love the Association: I bless the Association. Its methods have the sanction of the Church and therefore must be right and good. Distress had found relief through the C. M. B. A., and charity had been distributed by it. By the payment of little rates the father, brother or son became a member, and when the bread earner was called away and the widowed wife and orphaned children were left to themselves the society stepped in and cared for them and protected them. What a truly noble mission this is! Furthermore, I look upon the C. M. B. A. as an auxiliary of the Church. Every branch formed in a parish is a great help to the clergy. The ultimate object of the society is the salvation of souls, and it thus becomes an instrument in the hands of the Church. He urged his hearers to become members and he encouraged the society to go on in its good work, ever increasing, ever prospering. "I will look back upon this occasion with great pleasure when recalling the most momentous day of my life."

The chairman then introduced His Grace Most Rev. C. O'Brien, D. D., Archbishop of Halifax, Grand Spiritual Adviser. He stated we have also with us to-day a distinguished ecclesiastic from Halifax, who has already shown his warm and kindly interest in our society and to whose efforts in a large measure has been due our great success in that beautiful country down by the sea. He has further honored us by deigning to become our Grand Spiritual Adviser, and thus to mark the Association with the approval of his eminent personality. We are proud beyond expression to be so honored to-day, and in the name of the Grand Council I thank him for his kindness to us, for his deep consideration and the manifest interest he has always taken in the welfare of the Association.

When the great applause which followed his introduction had subsided, His Grace Archbishop O'Brien came forward, removing his overcoat and jokingly remarking that after the reception His Grace Archbishop Gauthier and himself received, he felt quite warm. He had no idea of such a reception when he left Halifax. He was proud to take part in the consecration ceremonies to-day, more particularly because Archbishop Gauthier was a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. He himself had a great interest in the C. M. B. A. He had been a member for a great many years, and had watched it very closely. He had wanted to see the working of the Association before he joined it, and, after observing its development and worth, had become a member. He advised all who could possibly do so to join the C. M. B. A. at once. One became more thoroughly imbued with the Catholic spirit by becoming a member.

"We are influenced by our surroundings, and moral advice and assistance is obtained in the C. M. B. A. I wish the C. M. B. A. of the diocese of Kingston unbounded success, I wish the whole Association unbounded success. I wish the city of Kingston increased prosperity, and that it will soon become one of the great centres of learning and legitimate industry in Canada. I hope that good works will abound here more and more, and that the new Archbishop will receive the love, veneration and respect not only of the C. M. B. A., but of the whole people."

It is needless to remark that the entire audience was profoundly stirred by these eloquent words.

At the conclusion of the address their Graces were presented to those on the platform and to many in the audience who came forward to receive introduction. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in Kingston, and made a deep and lasting impression on all who had the good fortune to be present.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 10th, 1908.

Samuel R. Brown, Esq., Grand Sec.  
C. M. B. A., London, Ont.

Dear Sir and Bro—I am instructed by the branch to send you an extract from report submitted on the evening of 25th Sept. last re representation to Grand Council Conventions, as follows:—"Having heard the report of our representative, Bro Bellepurché, to the eleventh Convention of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A., held at the City of Quebec on the 23rd ult., at which Sections 2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> of the Constitution were amended by refusing to branches, having already members an elective officer of the said council, the right to send a representative to future conventions, this branch most respectfully protests against the said amendment on the following, among other, grounds: The Grand Treasurer of the said council is a member of this branch, but not therefore its representative at such convention, having other duties to perform.

Branches placed in the same position as this branch are therefore practically debarred from any voice or part in the proceedings of the said convention.

Further, we question the validity of such amendment and would recommend that other branches similarly situated take action in this matter.

Fraternally yours,  
P. M. KZOH, Rec. Sec.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Grand Falls, N. B., Oct. 25th, 1908.  
To the officers and members of Branch No. 210 of C. M. B. A.

Gentlemen—I gratefully acknowledge the receipt, through your Recording Secretary, Rev. M. A. O'Keefe, of a cheque for two thousand dollars, being the amount of insurance on the life of my late son, J. B. Chouinard, in the C. M. B. A. of Canada. I wish to express my deep gratitude to the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. and to your branch for the prompt remittance of the above two thousand dollars. That God may bless the C. M. B. A. is the sincere prayer of

SOYER CHOUINARD.

Often those faults which we encounter in ourselves are most innumerable to us in others.

Statement of Assessments Received in October, 1898.

Etat des Cotisations Recues Durant le Mois d'Octobre.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM—SYSTEME DE COTISATION.

November Assessments, 1898. Cotisations du mois de Novembre

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., November 1, 1898.

BUREAU DU SECRETAIRE.

London, Ont. 1 Novembre, 1898.

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, POLICY, ADMITTED, DIED, CAUSE OF DEATH. Lists members like John A. McKenna, John Appleton, Patrick Ryan, Wm. Fraile, Dennis Madden.

Death No. 31 not in regular order, proof not having been received in time. Le décès No. 31 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 October, 1898. Compte-rendu du Fonds des Bénéfices et du Fonds de Réserve pour le mois d'Oct., 1898.

BENEFICIARY FUND. FONDS DES BENEFICES.

Table showing financial details: Amount on hand Oct. 1st, Received during Oct. from, Total amount of Beneficiary Fund collected since 1st January, 1893, etc.

RESERVE FUND—FONDS DE RESERVE.

Table showing financial details: Amount on hand Oct. 1st, Amount accrued since last report, Total.

SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. of Canada.

Brothers—The foregoing statement of Assessments Nos. 13 and 14 (November Assessments) is given in compliance with Sections 7 and 8 of Beneficiary Fund Law...

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

Aux Membres de l'A. C. B. M. du Canada.

Frères—L'état précédant des cotisations Nos. 13 et 14 (Cotisations du mois de Novembre) est donné en conformité des Clauses 7 et 8 de notre loi concernant le Fonds des Bénéfices...

Fraternellement à vous, SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Secrétaire.

Main assessment table with columns: Branch No., Assessment No., Beneficiary Fund, Reserve Fund, etc. Lists various branches and their contributions.

N. B.—All branches not appearing on the foregoing statement as having paid No. 11 and Special Assessments, with the exception of Branches 72, 171, 210, 245, 267 and 285, are on this date (November 1st, 1898) in arrears or under suspension.

N. B.—Les succursales qui n'apparaissent pas dans l'état ci-dessus comme ayant payé les Cotisations No. 11 et Spéciale, à l'exception des Succursales Nos. 72, 171, 210, 245, 267 et 285 sont à cette date (1 Novembre, 1898) arriérées ou en suspens.

NOTES.

Work for the C. M. B. A.

Are you helping to boom the C. M. B. A.?

Speak well of the work done by the C. M. B. A.

Now is the time to roll in large numbers of applications.

There are two assessments this month—the regular Nos. 13 and 14.

The C. M. B. A. cannot stand still; it must be progressive. Let Excelsior be our motto for 1899.

Make your meetings pleasant and enjoyable. Cheerful meetings help wonderfully in bringing out the members.

What have you personally done during the present year to advance the interests of the C. M. B. A.?

We want every member to wake up, and assist the officers in increasing the membership of the C. M. B. A.

Every member has an interest in the growth of the C. M. B. A. Show that interest by speaking and working for it.

A strong, progressive society is the one that prepares in youth for the heavy drain on its funds when the infirmities of old age are at hand.

Speak kindly to one another. While we may hold different opinions upon questions under discussion in the branch, we should not forget the fraternal bond of brotherhood.

The man who daily expends upon himself more than is necessary for his proper sustenance, and takes no thought for period of old age and sickness, which will sooner or later fall to his lot, is deficient in prudence and foresight, and will mourn his thoughtlessness when too late.

Good officers of a branch will endeavor to see a suspended member before allowing his expulsion. Many a member would be saved to the branch if he was spoken to about his arrears. An excellent plan, and one that has proved successful, is to appoint a committee to visit members in arrears and endeavor to retain them in the branch. We lose too many members through suspension for non-payment of dues and assessments. Some people have an idea that lapses are an advantage to the branch, but if they think the matter over they will speedily find out that instead of a benefit lapses are a serious injury.

Branch No. 85 (St. Michael's Cathedral), Toronto, will hold an At Home in St. George's Hall, Elm Street, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23rd. It is being looked forward to with pleasure by the members and their friends, as, judging by the past entertainments

given by the branch, this will be a very enjoyable affair. An excellent programme of music and games is being prepared, and Napolitano's popular orchestra will be in attendance. There will, no doubt, be a large gathering of the city members and their lady friends.

A number of our branches are not complying with the regulations in the constitution regarding the Supervising Medical Examiner's fees. Branches shall be held liable for said fees in every case; and the officers of branches should insist on having the Supervising Medical Examiner's fees accompany the applications for membership before such applications are acted upon by the Trustees of the Branch. It will not do to say: "We thought the Branch Medical Examiner remitted the fees to Dr. Ryan." This is not our C. M. B. A. regulation. The Branch Medical Examiner has nothing whatever to do with the Supervising Examiner's fees; he should not collect them. See Sections 122 and 147, Constitution.

We have been advised that there is a splendid opening for a Catholic (C. M. B. A. man preferred) to build and operate a Steam Grist Mill in a town in Eastern Ontario. Good railway connection, with a population of 1,700. No flour mill within a radius of fifteen miles. Must have capital. Town would be prepared to furnish free site and exemption from taxation, besides giving a fair bonus to suitable party. Waterworks and electric light, owned by the town; and these also could be granted free for a period of years.

There is also an excellent opening for a competent jeweller and a tombstone manufacturer in the same town. Also for a Foundryman. No opposition; but the man will have to build, as there is no suitable building at present for foundry purposes. For further particulars apply to Brother P. J. Rooney, 60 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont.

THE TRUDEL APPEAL.

Murray Bay, Que., Oct. 19, 1898. To the Editor of THE CANADIAN, London, Ont.

Please add to the list already published the following contributions from branches to the Trudel appeal, which have been received with thanks.

Yours fraternally,  
ELIE HARVEY,  
Pres. Br. No. 221.

Br. 19 Ingersoll, Ont.	1 00
30 Peterborough, Ont.	1 00
132 Halifax, N. S.	2 00
145 Toronto, Ont.	2 00
154 Eg.ville, Ont.	1 00
251 Kensington, P. E. I.	1 50
Amount previously reported	139 00
Total	\$147 50

We regret to state that Bro. Trudel is now dead.

NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 300 was organized on Oct. 16, at Blackville, N. B., by Grand Deputy John Morrissey. The list of officers will appear in next issue.

THE MAHER APPEAL.

S. R. Brown, Esq., Grand Secretary C. M. B. A., London, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Kindly insert in THE CANADIAN the third report of the branches who donated to the appeal of Bro. Joseph Maher, and also allow me, in behalf of Bro. Joseph Maher, to thank all branches who so generously responded to this good cause.

Yours fraternally,  
C. B. RYAN,  
Pres. Br. No. 14, Ingersoll.

Br. 274 Murray Bay, Que.	1 00
132 Halifax, N. S.	1 00
215 Edmund Bay, P. E. I.	1 00
29 St. David de L. Auberville, Que.	1 00
4 Brockville, Ont.	2 00
20 L. E. Pubnico, N. S.	1 00
7 Lindsay, Ont.	1 00
Previously acknowledged	16 00
Total	\$24 00

APPEALS.

From Branch 7, Sarnia, Ont.

Brothers,—For the first time since its organization, on April 29, 1880, Branch No. 7 now appeals to the generosity of Sister Branches on behalf of an afflicted Brother.

Brother John W. Jones, formerly a member of Branch 23, Sarnia, was admitted a member of this Branch by card, 10th December, 1894, and has been sick with consumption for the past two years and been unable to do any work for more than a year, and consequently lost his position on the G. T. R. and now finds himself without means to support himself and helpless family. Since joining our Branch he has always taken a lively interest in the advancement of the Association. While able, and as long as he had any hope of recovery, he did not permit the branch or any of its members to know how destitute he and his family were. His faithful wife from constant waiting and caring for him, has now become sick herself, and consequently the family are wholly depending on their immediate friends. We therefore recommend his case to the generosity of all the branches, and hope they will respond generously on behalf of Brother Jones in this his hour of affliction.

M. LYSAGHT, D. McCART,  
Secretary. President.

Address remittances to M. Lysaght, Rec. Sec. Branch No. 7, Sarnia, Ont.

I hereby certify that Brother John W. Jones is a member of Branch No. 7, C. M. B. A., and is deserving in every way the generous assistance of the Association.

REV. JOSEPH KENNEDY,  
Spiritual Adviser and Parish Priest.

London, Ont., Oct. 14, 1898.

M. Lysaght, Esq., Rec. Sec., C. M. B. A., Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Your branch's appeal on behalf of Brother Jones is allowed by the Grand President and Board of Trustees.

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

From Branch 13, Stratford, Ont.

Brothers—For the first time since it became established (viz., January 15, 1882), Branch No. 13, C. M. B. A., Stratford, Ont., finds it necessary to appeal to sister branches on behalf of one of its members, Brother John Hoy.

Brother Hoy has been sick for the past three years and for the past two years has been obliged to stop work. Besides medical attendance, and having a large family of seven children

depending upon him, he finds he has no resources, and not being able to work he has fallen upon us for aid. Branch No. 13 has done all in its power to help him, having paid all his dues and assessments and the members having given him a private subscription as well. We find that it is now really necessary to make this appeal. We strongly appeal to you, brothers, to come to our assistance and aid this afflicted brother and his family. It is our first time of asking.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
JOHN O'DONOGHUE, Pres.  
E. J. KNEITL, Rec. Sec.

Address all remittances to  
E. J. Kneitl, Recording Secretary,  
Branch 13 C. M. B. A., Box 133,  
Stratford, Ontario

Approved by Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D. D., Pastor of St. Joseph's Church and Spiritual Adviser of Branch No. 13, C. M. B. A., Stratford, Ont.

London, Ont., Oct. 15, 1898.  
E. J. Kneitl, Esq., Rec. Sec., C. M. B. A., Stratford, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother—Your branch's appeal on behalf of Brother Hoy is allowed by the Grand President and Board of Trustees.

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

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS.

How can we communicate with the saints or make them hear our prayers?

This question is proposed by a Protestant correspondent, who tells us that he has never found a satisfactory answer to it, and wishes to be referred to some Catholic work which throws light on the subject. It is one of a numerous class of religious questions more easily asked than answered; not because the answer is difficult in itself, but because, if complete, it would require many words, whereas the query is expressed in a baker's dozen. We could name many books in which the invocation of saints is treated learnedly and lengthily, but our correspondent evidently expects a reply that will be complete without being verbose. Our task is simplified from the fact that he holds no theory of the unseen, and is not disposed to be captious. Although the difficulty is not shared by Catholics, our readers will be strengthened in their faith on this point by a presentation of the grounds upon which it rests.

We communicate freely with the servants of God whilst they are in the way with us. Why should such communication cease when they have passed to their reward? Should not their knowledge be enlarged and their love increased by their nearness to the Infinite Source of each? To think differently would be opposed to the principles of humanity and the laws of our being. Communion with saints is simply the reaching out of heart to heart in the fellowship established forever by God. In Him we all live, and it is through Him that we commune with those who, though removed from the pale of our vision, are as much alive as we ourselves. Death is only the beginning of another phase of human existence.

The posthumous life of the saints is a continuation of their earthly life, and consequently they experience a continuation also of those psychological powers with which they were endowed when created. But as they are now with God, their will must conform exactly to His will; their memory must

be purged and perfected, and their understanding enlightened to its fullest capacity. "What can the elect be ignorant of," says St. Gregory, "seeing they know Him who knoweth all things?" Death does not rob the soul of its extraordinary powers, but expands them.

So much for the knowledge of the saints. The same is true of their love. We can not suppose that the accident of death changes the disposition of the saints toward their brethren on earth. Their love must be rendered inconceivably more intense and entirely unselfish by their nearness to Love Itself. For God is love. If their hearts were warmed by the fire of divine charity here, they must be inflamed with it, now that no obstacles exist. Well does St. Augustine say of his departed friend Nabradius ("Confessions," book ix): "I do not think that he is so inebriated with that Wisdom as to forget me, seeing that Thou, O Lord, of whose fullness he drinks, art mindful of me."

But the question proposed is not yet answered, it will be said. "How can we communicate with the saints or make them hear our prayers?" In order to render our answer brief it was necessary thus to lead up to it. Some general statements were requisite to clear the way. Charles Kingsley reproached Protestants for not remembering these things about the life everlasting. The objection under consideration was raised by Vigilantius and met by St. Jerome. "If the Lamb is everywhere," says that holy Doctor, "then those who are with the Lamb must be everywhere too."

It is certain from Scripture that the angels are cognizant of what we do and what we say. Why not the saints as well? They still live and are near to us in God, who is everywhere, "even at the door." The knowledge of the saints can not, of course, be derived through the senses. It would be necessary for us to know the nature of a spirit in order to understand how they see without eyes and hear without ears. One can avail himself of the telegraph or the telephone without in the least comprehending the nature of these inventions. So we can communicate with the saints of God and make them hear our prayers without ascertaining all the relations of a spirit to time and space. Although we are ignorant of the way in which the saints have knowledge of our affairs, we can not reasonably doubt that they possess such knowledge. St. Peter was able to know the acts of Ananias and Sapphira without witnessing them—even to read the secrets of their hearts; and yet this does not involve ascribing to him any divine attribute.

It is enough for us to know that the saints are in a condition compatible with the full exercise of all their faculties. They can not but will our welfare, remember our needs, and understand our dependence upon Him upon whom they also depend. We can communicate with them as we communicate with God; and we can make them hear our prayers by simply addressing ourselves to them.—Ave Maria.

### NOVEMBER THOUGHTS.

From Catholic Record.

The thoughts evoked by the month of November must have a chastening effect upon Christians. It brings us as it were into contact with the only real world and shows us, by the light of the tomb, the vanity of the things that pass. It points out to us the hollowness of all which the world esteems, and tells us how foolish it is to work and strive

for that which can avail us nothing. It tramples down our pride, for it proves to us that no one is necessary. We may be boastful of our accomplishments and dream we are essential in some sphere of activity, but we should know that the harboring of such thoughts leads but to delusion. When the mound over our remains marks our last resting-place the world has done with us. It will move on without us. Our work will be taken up by another, and we shall live in the memory only of very few. The tablet on the coffin may chronicle our qualities, but life's works is not measured by earthly standards.

This month, then, brings before us forcibly the thought of our destiny. We have to play life's game earnestly and manfully, but the claims of the other life come first, and cannot, under any pretext, be disregarded.

### OUR DUTY TO CONVERTS.

Every effort should be made by pastors and people to prevent the isolation felt by converts and others who become members of congregations where they have no personal friends. It is, we believe, no exaggeration to say that there are some districts where a man may frequent the services in the Church from year's end to year's end without being spoken to by a fellow-Catholic, except perhaps by the priest. He may possess ideas and accomplishments which might be used with great profit for the advancement of religion, but no one suggests that they should be so used, and they go to waste. It seems to us that both born Catholics and converts should unite in carrying out some broad scheme for putting an end to this chilling reserve which is retarding the progress of the Church.—New World.

### BEER AND "CONVERTS."

A Western Methodist society, according to the Springfield Republican, adopted recently a joyful resolution to the effect that "a wise Providence, through the incidents of war, has opened vast fields for the advancement of Protestant Christianity." This was passed at a time when fifty car-loads of beer left the same part of the West to be shipped to the Philippines. The Republican is of the opinion that "the beer train is only the prelude to a grand and impressive advance of Protestant New England rum and Kentucky whiskey—for which a wise Providence through the incidents of war, must likewise apparently be regarded as responsible." This lets the daylight through the hypocritical mantles worn by those who pretend to fathom the designs of the Almighty.—Sacred Heart Review.

### THE POPE AND LABOR.

Not long ago Pope Leo gave an audience to a number of French pilgrims of the poorer class, bound for the Holy Land, and in response to the filial enthusiasm with which they greeted him, crying, "Long live the Pope of Labor!" the Holy Father expressed himself on the duties and the future of the masses in words that have as deep a meaning, and contain as sound advice, for the people of this country as for those of the republic to which those addressed belonged. "If the democracy," said the venerable Pontiff, "draws its inspiration from the teaching of reason enlightened by faith, if while guarding itself against

fallacious and subversive theories it accepts with religious resignation and as a fact the diversity of classes and policies; if in the search for possible solutions of the many social problems which arise daily it does not for an instant lose sight of the rules of that human charity which Jesus Christ declared to be characteristic of His own children; and if the democracy is willing to be Christian, it will give to your country a future of peace, prosperity, and good fortune. If, on the other hand, it abandons itself to revolution and socialism, if deceived by foolish Utopians, it gives itself up to destructive demands upon the fundamental laws upon which rest all civil order, the immediate effect will be for the working classes themselves servitude, misery and ruin."—Boston Pilot.

### IDEALS FOR OUR BOYS.

We take it as a good omen for earnestness and courage among the Catholic young men of the future that those who are bestirring themselves in the present, have selected such a man as the late Dr. Orestes A. Brownson as a guide and tutelary genius, so to speak, and perpetuated his name by a memorial in the Catholic University. There is room for emulation and imitation, it must be candidly admitted. It has to be proved as yet that the Catholic youth are capable of infusing into their religious and social organism that spirit of practical adaptation of means to ideals for which the American nation has acquired a universal reputation. Perhaps it has been from want of definite plan and judicious guidance that so little progress has been made toward the solidarity of our Catholic youth. We believe a course of study of Brownson's thoughts on the relation of religion to citizenship would be productive of good results. It would, at all events, set bright young brains a thinking, and to some exceptionally enthusiastic ones afford happy inspiration. We would also most earnestly recommend a study of the works of Frederic Ozanam. He was the model knight errant of young Christianity; and his splendid fervor could hardly fail of being infectious in some kindred souls. What our young men of to day need to learn is that there are higher aims for the citizen than party government, spoils of office and money-getting generally. These, unfortunately, are the ideals held by the bulk of the people, all the time that immense invisible forces in the moral world and the world of labor are shaping our destiny from below, while our rulers and political orators are calmly telling us we are being guided solely from above. Several times in recent years a chasm of ruin gaped between the opposing forces of capital and labor, and the reckless hand of Greed may at any moment plunge the land into a mighty conflagration. There is no antidote for the dangers which threaten society but the intelligence of the people and the cultivation of a kindly Christian spirit. In the young and impetuous this is the most desirable, for older heads will hardly need any warnings against foolhardy action. The inculcation of duty, of charity, of courtesy and recognition of the rights of others, to the end that the political system be purified and the paths of peace kept clean, is surely a noble programme. When men are taught these things in their youth, in their mellow days they may show the fruits in a national life which shall justify the teachings of Christian-

ity.—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

### CHRISTIAN LEGENDS.

Miss A. G. Freer sends the Contemporary Review a very readable article on "The Christian Legends of the Hebrides," in the course of which occurs this passage that may be profitably read by the individuals who are given to sneering at Catholic reverence for pious pictures. After alluding to the fact that among the Hebrideans she found a large volume of folk lore consisting of legends about the earthly life of Christ and His Blessed Mother, Miss Freer adds: "I have selected a few stories bearing upon the life, especially the childhood of our Lord, not, as might at first be supposed, to illustrate the ignorance, but rather the reverence, the natural piety of the islanders, who, though left for generations without books, without teachers, have so taken the pictures of the holy life into their hearts and lives that, while the outline remains in its original purity, the painting has been touched with local color, and the eastern setting of two hundred years ago has been translated into terms of the daily life of these simple dwellers of the outer Hebrides." The islands where Miss Freer found this wealth of Christian legends whereof she writes so pleasantly in her article, belong to the Scotch diocese of Argyll and the Isles; and the period to which she refers when she says that the people were left for generations without teachers or books to instruct them in Christian wisdom, was probably the time following the apostasy of many of the chiefs of the clans from their ancestral faith to Protestantism; in consequence of which not a few of the islanders forsook their native hills and glens and crossed the ocean in quest of that religious liberty which was denied them at home. There are many descendants of those Scottish exiles to be found even to day among the Catholics of Canada, whence some of them have found their way into this country.—Sacred Heart Review.

### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Branch No. 13, Stratford, Ont., at a regular meeting extended resolutions of condolence to Bro. John Hurley and family on the death of their daughter Hannah, and to Brothers Patrick Hurley, also of Stratford, and James Hurley, now of Owen Sound.

Branch No. 202, Chatham, N. B., on the death of Brother Joseph Arseneau's wife.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 15, Toronto, Ont., held Oct. 7, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Bro. James Callaghan and seconded by Bro. Daniel Kelly, that we, the members of Branch 15, offer to the bereaved widow and family of our late Brother George McGuire our sincere sympathy coupled with the earnest prayer that eternal rest may be granted unto the soul of our departed brother.

A copy of the above to be sent THE CANADIAN, the Catholic Record and Catholic Register for publication.

An regular meeting of Branch No. 11, Dundas, Ont., held on Sept. 6, 1898, the following resolution of condolence was moved by Bro. William Lunn and seconded by Bro. William Kerwin.

Whereas Almighty God in His wisdom had removed from our midst, by death, our esteemed brother Patrick Costello; be it therefore

Resolved that we convey to the family of our lamented brother our sympathy in their sad bereavement and we pray that God will comfort and sustain them in their sad affliction in the loss of a kind and loving father; be it therefore

Resolved that a record of this resolution be entered into the minutes of the meeting; a copy tendered to the family of our deceased brother and another copy forwarded to THE CANADIAN for publication.

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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 leérant jugera ne pas être dans l'intérêt de l'Association ne seront pas publiées.

Les correspondants voudront bien se rappeler que le copie doit nous parvenir pas plus tard que le 10 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. R. BROWN,  
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Bloc Coote, Rue Dundas,  
London, Ont.

LONDON, NOVEMBRE, 1904.

## Remises d'Argent au Grand Secrétaire.

On nous a fait la question suivante. Quel officier de la succursale a le devoir de faire remise de l'argent des cotisations au Grand Secrétaire ?

C'est le Trésorier. Voyez la clause 10 de la constitution ; et toutes remises devraient être faites par traite, chèque marqué accepté et au pair, mandat de poste ou d'express.

## Certificats de Naissance.

La Clause 145<sup>eme</sup> de notre constitution dit :—

"Les Succursales exigeront de l'aspirant dans tous les cas une déclaration conforme à la loi, au sujet de son âge ou la production d'un certificat de naissance et cette déclaration ou ce certificat de naissance sera envoyé au Grand Secrétaire par le Secrétaire Archiviste de la Succursale, avec la demande d'admission, lorsque l'aspirant sera initié."

Plusieurs de nos succursales semblent ne payer aucune attention à ce règlement très important de notre association ; et cette négligence est cause qu'un grand nombre de membres ne reçoivent pas de polices, et peut causer beaucoup de trouble à l'avenir. Nous ne pouvons comprendre pourquoi les officiers d'aucune succursale violeraient notre constitution en permettant qu'un aspirant, qui n'a pas fourni cette preuve d'âge, soit ballotté et initié. Ils n'ont pas plus le droit de violer cette clause que toute autre clause de la constitution.

## Elections Annuelles.

Les élections générales annuelles des officiers des succursales se feront à la première assemblée des succursales en Décembre.

L'élection des représentants et de leurs substitués à la prochaine convention du Grand Conseil n'aura pas lieu avant l'élection générale en Décembre, 1900.

Nous attirons l'attention de nos membres sur les clauses 163, 166, 167, 168 et 169.

Nous avons l'espoir qu'on fera aussi peu de changements que possible dans les charges des Secrétaires Archivistes, des Secrétaires Financiers et des Trésoriers. Ça prend un temps considérable pour devenir versé dans les devoirs de ces charges, et là où nous avons de bons hommes compétents remplissant actuellement ces positions, il serait certainement judicieux de tacher de les garder là. Les incompetents et nous en avons quelques uns il n'y a pas à en douter et ceux qui sont de mauvaise volonté ne devraient pas être retenus en charge.

## Nominations Annuelles des Officiers des Succursales.

Les nominations des officiers des succursales se feront à la dernière assemblée régulière des succursales en Novembre.

L'officier qui présidera ne déclarera pas les nominations terminées, pour aucune charge, avant que chaque membre présent et en règle, qui le désirera, ait mis une personne ou des personnes en nomination pour chaque charge à remplir.

Un membre dûment qualifié peut être mis en nomination, bien qu'absent de l'assemblée.

Tout membre en règle d'une succursale sera éligible à une charge, sauf celle de Président qui doit être remplie par un chancelier, ou par un officier qui a servi durant un terme complet, ou qui remplit une charge élective au temps de la nomination. Ceci ne s'applique pas à la charge de Président à la formation d'une nouvelle succursale.

Aucunes nominations ne seront faites au moment de l'élection, à moins que tous les candidats choisis ne déclinent la nomination.

Chaque membre qui accepte la nomination à une charge particulière devrait avoir le bon vouloir de se conformer à tous les règlements de notre constitution concernant cette charge, s'il est élu.

## Membres qui ont Renoncé, ont été Constitutionnellement Expulés, etc.

En cherchant des nouveaux membres pour notre Association il paraît qu'on perd tout à fait de vue ceux qui, (lorsqu'ils étaient membres par négligence ou faute de moyens, ont cessé d'être membres en vertu de la constitution.

Comme pendant les quatre ou cinq années passées ceux-ci se comptent par plusieurs centaines, et comme ils comprennent parfaitement notre Association et ses opérations, etc., nous engageons fortement nos membres à parcourir avec soin leur livre de rôle et faire un effort pour les ramener au vieux foyer. Particulièrement est-ce le cas pour les plus jeunes sujets, dont plusieurs, nous le savons, prendraient avec plaisir la question en considéra-

tion s'ils étaient approchés convenablement par quelque membre zélé.

Une autre question qui prétendrait beaucoup de critique injuste, serait pour chaque membre, après avoir lu cet article, de se procurer un état, pris dans le Grand Livre du Secrétaire Financier, de chaque piastre payée pour cotisations chaque année et de faire la moyenne générale du coût par \$1,000. Ceci, nous en sommes sûrs, les convaincront que l'A. C. B. M. est encore ce qu'elle a toujours réclamé être : la plus sûre, la moins coûteuse et la meilleure. Ce dont il est réellement besoin c'est plus de travail par les membres individuellement. Maintenant, frères, laissez nous voir quelles sont les succursales qui vont nous donner l'accroissement.

## L'Assemblée de Kingston.

Nous demanderions à tous les lecteurs du CANADIEN de lire avec soin le compte rendu de l'assemblée de Kingston, qui paraît dans une autre colonne. En dehors de notre convention propre aucune assemblée n'a été tenue d'une importance plus grande pour l'A. C. B. M. Le discours de notre Grand Président, puissant et à point comme toujours, ne manque jamais de produire un important effet sur ses auditeurs—effet toujours productif de bien. Pour tous ses efforts tendant à stimuler l'enthousiasme de nos membres et à amener des recrues dans nos rangs, le Grand Président mérite l'amour de chaque membre de l'association. Mais c'est dans le fait que deux Princes de l'Eglise—l'un le jour même de sa consécration, et l'autre après avoir prononcé le sermon de la circonstance—ont pensé si hautement de notre association au point de visiter l'assemblée, de l'adresser et de donner à l'association leur bénédiction et leur encouragement que l'assemblée de Kingston restera l'une des plus mémorables. A aucune autre association pareille faveur n'a été accordée. Soyons reconnaissants à ces deux ministres prêts de cette grande reconnaissance. Prouvons nous dignes de leur estimation et de leur confiance. Que leurs paroles d'amour et d'encouragement tombent au fond de nos cœurs, et que chaque membre de l'A. C. B. M. profite de l'occasion pour marcher de l'avant et faire son devoir. Le sol est prêt pour le labour, et chaque membre devrait se faire travailler. Aux deux distingués Archevêques l'association offre ses remerciements les plus cordiaux. La journée, un jour de joie, et aussi de responsabilité pour eux, a été un jour d'une plus grande joie même, et aussi d'une plus grande responsabilité pour nous comme association. Puisse nous être à jamais dignes de cette confiance et du dépôt confié à nos soins. Et que dieu les bénisse et les conduise à jamais, telle est la prière sincère de chaque membre de l'A. C. B. M.

## LA CONSECRATION DE SA GRAND-UR MGR C H GAUTHIER.

Et l'Assemblée de l'A. C. B. M. à Kingston Ont.

Un événement d'une importance et d'une signification des plus grandes pour l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle a eut lieu à Kingston, Ont., le 18 octobre, le jour de la consécration de Sa Grandeur Mgr. C. H. Gauthier, au siège archiepiscopal de Kingston. La succursale No. 3, de Kingston, et les Grands Officiers de l'Association résidents en cette ville, messieurs Behau et Dr. Ryan, concoururent l'idée de tenir une grande réception publique ce jour là. En conséquence, des arrangements furent faits, des comités furent nommés et des invitations envoyées à toutes les succursales du centre d'Ontario. De concert avec M. R. V. Stanton, de Smith's Falls, on s'assura des prix d'excursion pour tous ceux d'entre les membres de l'A. C. B. M. et leurs amis qui avaient l'intention d'être présents. Des invitations furent faites aux Grands Officiers et aux membres marquant de l'A. C. B. M. par tout le Canada. Le splendide corps de musique du 1<sup>er</sup> Bataillon fut engagé pour la circonstance. L'assemblée ouvrit à 8 heures dans le Grand Opera House. Chaque siège fut rempli, même les passages. Il y avait bien deux mille personnes présentes et des centaines malheureusement se virent refuser l'admission faute d'a commodation. Le Médecin Examinateur en Chef, Dr. Ryan, occupait le fauteuil et ceux de nos délégués qui ont assisté aux conventions d'Ottawa et de Québec purent apprécier sa capacité comme président de l'assemblée. Sur l'estrade avec le président se trouvaient : Sa Grandeur Mgr. C. H. Gauthier, Archevêque de Kingston ; Sa Grandeur Mgr. C. O'Brien, Archevêque d'Halifax, Grand Avisleur Spirituel de l'A. C. B. M., plusieurs Rév. Messieurs du clergé ; l'Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand Président ; le Grand Syndic J. J. Behau ; Sir William Hingston, de Montréal ; M. J. F. Quinn, M. P. de Montréal ; F. R. Latchford, Grand Solliciteur de l'A. C. B. M. et plusieurs autres. Le Dr. Ryan expliqua en peu de mots le but de l'assemblée. C'était le désir de l'Association de se réunir à l'occasion de la consécration de leur bien-aimé frère Mgr. l'Archevêque Gauthier, à la dignité de sa haute charge et de donner aux membres présents une opportunité de l'entendre et de le rencontrer en ce jour important de sa consécration. Ils ne se rappelaient pas moins de rencontrer et d'entendre le distingué Archevêque d'Halifax, Mgr. C. O'Brien, qui avait honoré l'Association en en devenant la tête spirituelle. Et tous seraient aussi heureux de rencontrer encore leur populaire Grand Président et d'écouter sa fervente défense de sa noble Association l'A. C. B. M. Le président appela alors Mr. Jas. Coyle, président de la succursale No. 3, pour lire une adresse de bienvenue au Grand Président.

Le Grand Président, en se levant pour répondre à l'adresse, fut reçu au milieu d'applaudissements prolongés. Son discours fut un effort oratoire jusqu'au bout, et fit une grande impression sur la vaste audience.

Mr. Hackett reçut une véritable ovation en prenant son siège.

Le Dr. Ryan s'avança ensuite, disant : Nous nous réjouissons d'avoir avec nous aujourd'hui notre frère, Sa Grandeur Mgr. C. H. Gauthier, à qui il a plu en ce jour important de sa vie

d'assister à notre démonstration et de donner une marque de son approbation de notre association. C'est une marque de grande considération, et qui doit réjouir le cœur de chaque membre de l'A. C. B. M. et qui nous encouragera dans la poursuite de notre noble œuvre.

Il appela ensuite l'Hon. M. F. Hackett, pour lire, comme Grand Président, une adresse de bienvenue à Sa Grandeur Mgr. l'Archevêque Gauthier.

Quand Sa Grandeur s'avança pour adresser l'assemblée chaque membre dans l'audience se leva et applaudit encore et encore.

Sa Grandeur dit qu'il lui faisait grand plaisir de recevoir cette adresse de ses frères membres de l'A. C. B. M. "J'admire l'association, dit Sa Grandeur; j'ai l'Association; je bénis l'association. Je me souviendrai avec plaisir de cette circonstance quand je me rappellerai le jour le plus important de ma vie."

Le président introduisit ensuite Sa Grandeur Mgr. C. O'Brien, Archevêque d'Halifax et Grand Aviseur Spirituel de l'Association.

Sa Grandeur s'avança, otant son pardessus et remarquant en souriant qu'après la réception que Sa Grandeur Mgr. Gauthier et lui-même venaient de recevoir il avait chaud. Il n'avait pas l'idée d'une telle réception quand il quitta Halifax. Il était fier de prendre part dans les cérémonies de la consécration du jour, et, plus spécialement parce que Mgr. Gauthier était membre de l'Association Catholique de Bienfaisance Mutuelle. Lui-même prenait un grand intérêt dans l'A. C. B. M. Il conseillait à tous ceux qui le pouvaient de joindre l'A. C. B. M. de suite. Je souhaite à l'A. C. B. M. dans le diocèse de Kingston, un succès sans limites; je souhaite à l'association toute entière le même succès, dit Sa Grandeur.

Leurs Grandeurs furent ensuite présentées à ceux qui étaient sur l'estrade et à plusieurs dans l'audience qui s'avancèrent pour recevoir une introduction.

L'assemblée fut l'une des plus renommées de succès qui aient jamais été tenues dans Kingston et fit une profonde et durable impression sur tous ceux qui eurent la bonne fortune d'être présents.

#### NOTES.

Travaillez pour l'A. C. B. M.

Aidez-vous à promouvoir l'A. C. B. M. ?

Parlez-bien de l'œuvre accomplie par l'A. C. B. M.

Il y a deux cotisations pour le mois courant—les No. 13 et 14 régularisera.

Maintenant est le temps d'apporter un grand nombre d'applications.

L'A. C. B. M. ne peut rester inactive; il lui faut progresser. Que notre motto pour 1898 soit. Excelsior.

Qu'avez-vous fait personnellement durant l'année courante pour avancer les intérêts de l'A. C. B. M. ?

Nous désirons que chaque membre s'éveille, et aide les officiers à accroître le nombre des membres de l'A. C. B. M.

Rendez vos assemblées plaisantes et attrayantes. Les assemblées joyeuses aident merveilleusement à rassembler les membres.

Chaque membre a un intérêt dans l'accroissement de l'A. C. B. M. Montrez cet intérêt en parlant et travaillant pour l'Association.

Une société forte, progressive, est celle qui se prépare dans la jeunesse pour le temps où la demande sur ses fonds sera plus grande à cause des infirmités de la vieillesse.

Parlez vous avec bonté l'un à l'autre. Tout en soutenant une opinion différente sur les questions sous considération dans la succursale, nous ne devrions pas oublier le lien fraternel de la confraternité.

L'homme qui journalièrement dépense pour lui-même plus qu'il est nécessaire pour son propre soutien, et qui ne pense pas à la période du vieil âge et de la maladie, laquelle deviendra tôt ou tard son lot, manque de prudence et de prévoyance, et regrettera son étourderie quand il sera trop tard.

De bons officiers dans une succursale s'efforceront de voir un membre suspendu avant de permettre son expulsion. Plus d'un membre serait sauvé pour la succursale si on lui parlait de ses arrérages. Un excellent plan, et qui travaille avec succès, est de nommer un comité pour visiter les membres arriérés et s'efforcer de les retenir dans la succursale. Nous perdons beaucoup trop de membres par suspension pour non paiement des contributions et cotisations. Certaines gens ont une idée que les renoncements sont à l'avantage de la succursale, mais s'ils réfléchissent sur la question ils s'apercevront bien vite qu'au lieu d'être un bénéfice les renoncements sont sérieusement injurieux.

Un nombre de nos succursales ne se sont pas conformées aux règlements de notre constitution concernant l'Ordre du Médecin Examineur en chef. Les succursales seront, dans tous les cas, tenues responsables de cet honoraire; et les officiers des succursales devraient insister pour que l'honoraire du Médecin Examineur en chef accompagne la demande d'admission avant que celle-ci soit prise en considération par les Syndics de la succursale. Il sera inutile de dire "Nous croyons que le Médecin Examineur de la succursale remettrait l'honoraire au Dr. Ryan." Ce n'est pas notre règlement. Le Médecin Examineur de la succursale n'a rien que ce soit à faire avec l'honoraire du Médecin Examineur en chef; il ne devrait pas le collecter. Voyez les clauses 122 et 147 de la constitution.

#### NOUVELLE SUCCURSALE.

La succursale No. 300 a été instituée le 10 Octobre dernier, à Blackville, N. B., par le Grand Député John Morrissey. La liste des officiers paraîtra dans le prochain numéro.

#### APPELS TRUDEL ET MAHER.

Les succursales No. 224 et 19, accusent respectivement réception de contributions additionnelles aux appels sus-nommés.

Nous regrettons d'annoncer que notre William Trudel est maintenant mort.

#### AUX ILES DE LA MADELEINE.

L'A. C. B. M., dit L'Impartial, de Tigulish, I du P. E., sous la direction du Révd Père Blaquière, qui est le Grand Député pour les Iles de la Madeleine, est dans un état florissant. La succursale Marie Madeleine, No. 296, Hiver aux Maisons, occupe maintenant une magnifique salle et annonce une augmentation notable sur la liste des membres. A part l'assurance à bon marché que l'A. C. B. M. met à la disposition des gens des Iles de la Madeleine, cette succursale contribuera grandement à faire passer agréablement les longues et ennuyeuses soirées d'hiver.

#### APPELS.

De la Succursale No. 7.

Frères—Pour la première fois depuis son organisation, le 20 Avril, 1880, la succursale No. 7 a fait appel maintenant à la générosité des succursales—cours en faveur d'un frère affligé.

Frère John W. Jones, autrefois membre de la succursale No. 23, de Seaforth, fut admis membre de cette succursale, sur carte de transfert, le 10 Décembre, 1894. Il est malade de consommation depuis deux ans passés et n'a pu faire aucun travail depuis plus d'un an, et conséquemment a perdu sa position au G. T. R. et maintenant il se trouve sans aucuns moyens pour son propre support et celui de sa famille. Depuis qu'il fait partie de notre succursale il a toujours pris un intérêt actif à l'avancement de l'Association. Quand il était capable, et aussi longtemps qu'il eut l'espoir de recouvrer, il ne permit pas que la succursale ou aucuns des membres connussent combien lui et sa famille étaient dans le besoin. Sa loyale épouse est aussi maintenant malade des suites des soins constants qu'elle lui a prodigués et conséquemment la famille dépend entièrement des amis les plus proches. C'est pour quoi nous recommandons son cas à la générosité de toutes les succursales et espérons qu'elles répondront généreusement en faveur de Frère Jones dans son heure d'affliction.

M. LYSAGHT, D. McCART,  
Secrétaire. Président  
Adressez toutes remises à M. Lysaght, Sec. Arch. Succursale No. 7, Sarnia, Ont.

Je certifie par les présentes que Frère John W. Jones est membre en règle de la Succursale No. 7, A. C. B. M., et digne sous tous rapports de l'assistance générale de l'Association.

REV. JOSEPH KENNEDY,  
Aviseur Spirituel et Curé.

London, Ont. 14 Octobre, 1898

M. Lysaght, Ec., Sec. Arch., A. C. B. M., Sarnia, Ont. :

Cher Monsieur et Frère—L'A. de

voire succursale en faveur de Frère Jones est permis par le Grand Président et le Bureau des Syndics.

Fraternellement à vous.

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

De la Succursale No. 13.

Frères—Pour la première fois depuis sa fondation (viz. le 13 Janvier, 1882), la succursale No. 13, de l'A. C. B. M., de Stratford, Ont., trouve nécessaire de faire appel aux succursales—cours, en faveur de l'un de ses membres, Frère John Hoy.

Frère Hoy est malade depuis trois ans passés et depuis deux ans a été obligé de cesser de travailler. A part des soins du médecin, et d'avoir une grande famille de sept enfants dépendant de lui, il se trouve sans ressources, et étant incapable de travailler il s'est adressé à nous. La succursale No. 13 a fait tout ce qu'elle pouvait pour l'aider, payant toutes ses contributions et cotisations, et les membres de leur côté ayant aussi écrit privement en sa faveur. Nous constatons maintenant qu'il est réellement nécessaire de faire cet appel. Nous vous engageons donc énergiquement, Frères, de venir à notre aide et de secourir ce Frère affligé et sa famille. C'est la première fois que nous demandons.

Vous remerciant d'avance,

JOHN O'DONOGHUE, Président.

E. J. KNEITL, Sec. Arch.

Adressez toutes remises à

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13, A. C. B. M.,

Boite 335, Stratford, Ont.

Approuvé par le Révd E. B. Kilroy, curé de l'église St. Joseph et Aviseur Spirituel de la succursale No. 13, de Stratford, Ontario.

London, Ont., 1<sup>er</sup> Octobre, 1898

E. J. Kneitl, Ec., Sec. Arch., A. C. B. M., Stratford, Ont.

Cher Monsieur et Frère—L'Appel de votre succursale en faveur de Frère Hoy est permis par le Grand Président et le Bureau des Syndics.

Fraternellement à vous,

SAMUEL R. BROWN,

Grand Secrétaire, A. C. B. M.

#### RESOLUTION DE CONDOLANCE.

A une assemblée de la Succursale No. 224, de la Malabar, P. Q., tenue au lieu ordinaire des séances, jeudi le 20 Octobre, sous la présidence de frère Elie Harvey, les résolutions suivantes ont été adoptées unanimement:—

Proposé par frère Simon Cimon, appuyé par frère L. H. Labrecque.—  
Que les membres de cette succursale ont appris avec le plus grand chagrin la mort de frère William Trudel, deuxième vice-président, décédé ce jour, après une longue maladie soufferte avec la plus grande résignation à la volonté de Dieu:—

Que par la disparition de ce frère dévoué, notre succursale perd un membre qui s'est toujours dévoué pour l'avancement de notre société, dont il avait à cœur la prospérité:—  
Que frère William Trudel était le type du bon Catholique, du citoyen intègre et de l'ami généreux, franc et loyal:—

Que les membres de cette succursale, réunis ce soir en assemblée spéciale, désirent témoigner à la veuve éplorée, ainsi qu'aux enfants de celui dont nous duplions la perte, leurs plus sincères sympathies et condoléances, dans le malheur qui vient de les frapper si douloureusement:—

Que copies de ces résolutions soient adressées à la famille de notre frère défunt, ainsi qu'à notre organe officiel et au journal "L'Echo de Charlevoix."

ELIE HARVEY,

Président.

JOSEPH COUTURIER,

Sec. Arch.

#### OBITUAIRE.

Nous avons appris avec regret la mort de Madame E. LeBel, épouse de notre zélé frère et ami, le Dr. Ed. LeBel, à qui nous offrons nos condoléances.