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That the women of Victoria are determined their "City Beautiful" on which nature has lavished rare gifts of scenic loveliness, shall merit this title, in its moral tone and daily life, is evidenced by the large number of benevolent and philanthropic societies which are at work. Here is constantly demonstrated the true and beautiful side of the Woman's Right question, viz: her right to be the dispenser of sweet charity, the reformer of abuses, the tender consoler of the sick and distressed. It has been deemed fitting, in the columns of this paper, devoted more especially to woman's work and interests, to review briefly in due order, the various benevolent societies and organizations at work in the city, omitting the personnel of such agencies and objects as carried on, in broad and undenominational lines, also rendering to the Daily Press, professional men, merchants and others, generous and unstinted praise and gratitude for their ever ready financial and practical assistance without whose co-operation women's work could not be successfully carried on. In combating an expression of opinion that as a city, we are, so to speak, over-organized, that there exist too many agencies needing support, those behind the scenes knowing of the splendid and self-denying efforts undertaken solely for the uplift of humanity, the amelioration of suffering, poverty and distress, assert with positive insistence that there is not one such society or agency working along these lines whose beneficent influences we could afford to dispense with. The population of Victoria, which is so rapidly increasing, bringing into its midst abnormal moral and physical conditions, incident to the population of large cities, demands from our philanthropic agencies, strenuous activity, large and broad minded efforts, lest those terrible and appalling conditions of life, as witnessed in the cities of older countries, obtain a foothold in this, our fair city. It is definitely stated by those engaged in charitable and similar work in all modern cities both in the new and old countries, that the two most powerful evil agencies at work, from which, given time and opportunity, wrecked hearts and homes and moral and physical degeneracy result, are first, inebriety; next, the disregard of parental responsibility and discipline on the part of fathers and mothers. None can, unfortunately, gainsay the truth of this assertion, therefore owe a lasting debt of gratitude to

The Women's Christian Temperance Union

This Union, keenly alive to modern evils and the overwhelming temptations which almost imperceptibly lure men and women to moral destruction, stands out with noble courage amongst the valiant band of women workers, boldly declaring in their efforts their determination to conserve to the world the right and true idea of manhood and womanhood, by the suppression of the vice of inebriety, which if unchecked and unchecked would, as a raging torrent, consume what is best in humanity. "THE WOMAN'S HOME" in this city, which is so effectively carried on by the W. C. T. U., is both inward and outward an eloquent testimony to the beautiful charity displayed by this Union, as it clasps the sister by the hand, whom the force of temptation had well nigh submerged, bidding her rest awhile and gain the better and truer idea of life and its meaning. The Mission amongst men as carried on by this devoted band of workers has been for many years a power for good, bringing courage and hope to the stranger and friendless, and the opportunity for remunerative employment.

The Royal Jubilee and St. Joseph's Hospitals

The splendid work accomplished by these two excellent hospitals, and the tender care and kindness displayed by the medical and nursing staff and the devoted Sisters in these institutions appeals to every man, woman and child in the city and province, whose frail humanity may, sooner or later, need their care and ministrations. Enough, or too much, cannot be said of the unremitting and faithful work of THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, JUBILEE HOSPITAL and also of the sister society "THE DAUGHTERS OF PITY," in their beautiful work in caring for the sick and suffering, by bringing beauty and brightness to the bedside of patients and to the hospital building. Their sympathetic and self-denying work is thoroughly appreciated and has earned the gratitude of the community at large and should meet with unstinted practical assistance. The Auxiliary has by most self-denying efforts and strenuous work collected and expended for hospital needs \$25,000. By their instrumentalities the Children's Ward has been built with its sun room and the fund for the Maternity Ward is increasing.

At the present epoch it is almost impossible definitely to define woman's place and work, but of this one may rest assured that in the mental and moral uplift of her own sex she may find absorbing avenues of thought and work. The fact of the altered conditions of girl life at the present time, as she enters into competition with man, as clerk, typewriter, cashier, etc., often necessitating in consequence her removal to a strange town or city, bringing her into hitherto unknown and unexpected dangers, has laid upon women necessity to provide for their sisters thus situated a safe and comfortable home, where they may find pleasant and happy companionship.

Young Women's Christian Association
This Association in its motto "A House

From Home," has evidently grasped the present day situation and struck the right note in its efforts to supply that, without which, no city can be considered complete. The faithful and deeply interested executive of the Y. W. C. A. deeply deplore the fact that in their present inadequate home, Pandora avenue, they are forced almost daily, to turn away young women and girls applying for admittance, owing to lack of accommodation. They earnestly and hopefully look forward to the time when active assistance may be given for this important object, and such a campaign undertaken on behalf of young women, that Victoria may be long possess, as her sister cities, a large and up-to-date Young Women's Association. The Y. W. C. A. has long felt that amongst their active agencies for assisting girls who enter the City of Victoria as strangers, that important officer the "Travelers' Aid Secretary," should be at work. With the assistance of other societies this important auxiliary officer is now appointed, who, conspicuously wearing the Y. W. C. A. badge, meets the incoming vessels at the wharves on the lookout for young women needing assistance, as complete strangers who otherwise would not know where to seek the home and safe shelter they require, thus making it still more imperative that larger quarters be obtained for the Home.

The present needs of the Y. W. C. A. appeal most forcibly and insistently to all classes of women, especially to mothers, who know something of the evil agencies ever at work to blight the beautiful opening, girl life; and upon girls, who, surrounded by all that is bright and beautiful in their own homes, a responsibility rests, that their sisters who come into our midst as strangers, may be able at once to find the comfort and shelter of home. Beautiful forms of interest in young women are constantly being undertaken by the committee of this Association, which deserves the hearty and practical assistance of every woman, young and old, in order that their much-appreciated work may be carried on in the highest efficiency.

The Young Men's Christian Association

The work of this indefatigable Association, with its most active and enthusiastic Ladies' Auxiliary, having so recently been very prominently brought before the public, which gave such a splendid response to the plea for money with which to finance the proposed magnificent new building, that more than a passing reference to its claims is, perhaps, scarcely necessary in these columns. Fathers, mothers, sons, and, indeed, the whole community, are deeply and truly thankful for the large hearted, broad-minded work here carried on among young men. A visit to the present quarters of the Association convinces one at a glance, in the arrangements made for the mental, moral and physical development of young men, who undoubtedly are the finest assets of our country, that the Secretary and committee have gone the right way to work in here presenting life as something real, something earnest, and yet to be enjoyed to the fullest capacity, and in which recreation must have its due share. From every heart may the prayer ascend: God bless the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association.

The Friendly Help Society

The work of this useful Society, which was commenced in 1895, is widely known and appreciated, not only by those who have been the recipients of its ministrations in times of misfortune and need, but by every charitable organization at work in the city, to whom the name of "The Friendly Help" comes as a ray of hope, when brought face to face with cases of deserving necessity to which immediate material help is imperative. The work of this society is carried on with such delicate regard to the feelings of those receiving assistance that it would obviously be out of place in these columns to give more than an outline of its aims. To the Friendly Help Society is accorded the honor of having successfully solved that difficult problem which has to be faced by cities, viz, the best means of so wisely distributing material and financial assistance that, as far as possible, only those deserving such help should receive it. For this purpose the committee have with scientific accuracy mapped out the city into districts, which are apportioned in due course to the monthly visiting committee. When, therefore, a case of need is reported, these ladies personally investigate the various aspects of the case, with a view to rendering assistance if deserving such. At the busy Christmas season the committee, nevertheless, spend the previous week at their rooms in the market building, packing boxes of good cheer to despatch to those to whom, through misfortune, this happy season would otherwise be such in name only.

We heartily commend this excellent society to old and new residents, assuring them that money, food, clothing or furniture given into its hands will be faithfully and wisely distributed to the best advantage. The headquarters of the Friendly Help at the market building are open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for dispensing assistance. Their homes are brightened, hearts are cheered by the faithful services rendered by these self-denying workers throughout the year.

The Home Nursing Society

This society, the outcome of the old Maternity Home, which institution was found to defeat its own beneficial objects by the necessity that recipients of its care should reside for the time being at the Home, was founded with the object of bringing to the young

mother at her own home, who often, through no fault of her own, may be totally unable to procure the services of a nurse at her time of maternal trial, the free services of an efficient nurse. For this purpose the Home Nursing Society has its own trained and experienced nurse, whose tactful, tender and conscientious care of her patients in known and widely valued throughout the city. Due care is taken that her services are not bestowed in cases where the services of the professional nurse are obtainable, all applications for assistance being at once investigated by the committee and nurse before being accepted. It is found an impossibility to relieve cases outside the city limits, or those of an infectious nature. The committee holds its monthly meetings at the City Hall, when the nurse's report for the past month is read and discussed, and two members are appointed as the Home Committee, whose duty it is to superintend the nurse's work wherever her ministrations may for the time be carried on, by kindly sympathy, by the delicacy at such times so appreciated, or by the gift of flowers, which to the sick-room bring a cheering touch of brightness.

Referring to the president's last annual report, it may be noted that in thanking the public for its generous financial aid, stress is laid on the necessity for steady working members, who will be willing to undertake committee work as here outlined, and attend the monthly meetings of the society in the City Hall on the first Tuesday in each month at 2:30 p.m. We commend this society to young mothers for their sympathy and assistance, to whom its objects must specially appeal, as being a work calculated to bring renewed courage and hope, at a time when most necessary, and to which any assistance rendered means a reserve of force and power with which to extend the usefulness of this working society.

The British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home

This institution was incorporated under the Benevolent Societies Act in 1872, and is under the direction of a Board of Management and also of the Ladies' Committee, who regulate the internal affairs and comforts of the Home, the children being under the care of the matron. Citizens of Victoria view with pardonable pride the splendid brick building which shelters the little ones, overlooking the city, and from which eminence is obtained an unequalled panorama of sea and mountain. The young lives here nurtured are trained by kindness and carefully taught, with a view to rendering them good and useful men and women in the future. They are also the special recipients of the kind care and general interest of the public at large the whole year through, and with unbounded generosity and kindness at Christmas and other festivals, the monthly donation list testifying in a splendid manner to the thoughtful kindness of all classes of the community to the little inmates of the Orphanage. The needs and anxieties of this large family of fifty children, more or less, are naturally varied and constant, necessitating the incessant care and vigilance of the deeply valued and esteemed matron, who for many years has been the mother and friend of the children, but who, now to the genuine regret of the committee and all who realize the beautiful nature of the work she has accomplished, has been necessitated to resign her position, owing to ill-health. The Home internally is finished and furnished with all that tends to promote a happy, healthy home atmosphere, the rosy cheeks and happy faces of the children being the best and surest comment on their daily life and management. Owing to wise and careful financial guidance in the past, the finances are now in a very satisfactory condition, and the president in his last annual address stated that in the distant future, the time will arrive when the generosity of the public need not be so eagerly solicited, but at present all contributions in money or kind are very gratefully received and acknowledged, the daily upkeep of so large a building, and its commissariat department demanding a large balance with which to meet its requirements.

The King's Daughters

This order of women workers, with its singularly inspiring title, truly suggestive of its work and aims, is so well and favorably known for what it has and is accomplishing in the province of British Columbia and the city of Victoria, that few are unacquainted with its beautiful mission. Of the work as carried on by this order, in banding women and children into the service of the King of Kings, by the formation of "circles" under a capable leader, each "circle" known by some special title; in order to make useful garments, or otherwise minister to the wants and comfort of the sick and needy. Perhaps its ever-widening circle of good influences will never be adequately known or estimated, but the love and devotion expressed by those who from childhood's days have worked as wearers of the silver cross, are truly significant signs of the lasting usefulness and impressions formed by this band of workers. One is constantly reminded of the beneficial work indicated by The King's Daughters by noting instances of help extended to the sick, poor and sorrowing, useful clothing supplied when most needed by the young mother, the bedside of the sick brightened by the gift of flowers and the inspiration of sympathy. The most recent and interesting work undertaken

by the order, being the establishment of a Convalescent Home at Duncan, B. C., is a work into which its members have entered with whole-hearted devotion and enthusiasm, and it is understood that this beautiful monument of sympathetic usefulness will shortly become an established factor in renewing health and happiness to those who have been laid aside by sickness. Mothers would do well to enroll their little daughters as soon as possible as members of the King's Daughters, assisting also themselves in the ministering work of the adult circles.

The Seamen's Institute

Practical uplifting work amongst sailors and seamen may surely be classed as true Empire work, seeing that these deserving men hold in their hands, as it were, the honor and integrity of their country, as they pass from port to port, in foreign and other countries. It, therefore, becomes incumbent on dwellers in seaport cities to provide for these courageous men who brave the storms and perils of the ocean, a hearty, homelike welcome to port, free from the objections and temptations of the saloon, such a welcome as The Seamen's Institute is designed to render. This work in Victoria has been for many years most faithfully and conscientiously carried on by Mr. J. S. Bailey, the port missionary, with a small committee, almost single-handed, and with immense discouragements, owing to lack of financial and practical assistance, also with inadequate and unsuitable accommodation for the work; and we rejoice that since last year better times have dawned for this faithful and worthy worker, when a lady prominent in social circles and eminently fitted for her chosen work, came forward with generous and practical assistance, endeavoring to form from existing conditions what is needed to constitute an efficient Seamen's Mission or Institute, worthy the high aims for which it exists. For this purpose The Victoria Ladies' Guild was inaugurated, which in the space of a few short months has worked with such determination and courage that the site for the new Seamen's Institute has been bought and paid for, with the splendid balance in hand of \$3,000 towards erecting the new building. Meanwhile the Guild is assisting the missionary in his labors, by rendering the present quarters more attractive and comfortable for temporary needs, aided by the beauty and fragrance of flowers, pretty drapery and interesting literature. Sunday night services are also about to be resumed during the winter months. In this age of travel by sea it surely is everybody's duty to assist in this work, bearing in mind that by the careful, strenuous and courageous toil of sailors and seamen we are carried in safety to and fro on the ocean, and also that as dwellers in our beautiful Island home in far Western Canada, the work and aims of this Institute very especially calls for our assistance, which all can render, either by gifts of literature for outgoing vessels, or for Institute, use, or by regular subscriptions which are needed to build up and assist in this most excellent work, which is operating in one hundred and fifteen of the principal ports of the world, and is designated as "international, interdenominational and evangelical."

The Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt
The Soldiers and Sailors' Home, situated so favorably to attract both branches of the Service, exists as an eloquent testimony of the appreciation and regard in which these our brave defenders are held by citizens of Victoria, and as an evidence that no endeavors should be withheld which can in any way bring them the sympathetic interest of the city in which they may be quartered, either temporarily or permanently. This conspicuous, handsome building was erected when Esquimalt was gay and cheerful, with the merry, hopeful presence of "Jack" and his comrades, and was then answering in a very gratifying manner the objects of its existence, its usefulness consequently, at the present time, is somewhat curtailed. But quiet and useful work amongst soldiers is here carried on most faithfully, results proving that the efforts put forth to render "the Home" a bright and cheerful resort, by excellent vocal and instrumental concerts, teas, etc., is of a most useful and lasting nature; and in the uncertain future, when Esquimalt becomes once more what it used to be, owing to the materialization of a branch of naval defence, either British or Canadian, here awaits a welcome and Home for our naval defenders, both branches of the Service having ever held a fascination and appreciation over the civilian mind.

THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

In these practical, modern days, we are constantly being reminded that things must be judged by their standard of usefulness, which this society, having been in existence for several years, has amply fulfilled, performing its mission as a child-protective agency unostentatiously and with wise care and discrimination, removing children from the cruelty of undesirable parents or guardians or from evil surroundings, calculated to ruin their future prospects and character. The absolute necessity for the existence of such an agency in every centre of population is abundantly proved as we read that "in 25 years the British National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has befriended about one million and a half children and dealt with 700,000 offenders." It is a deplorable truism that the mere fact of Motherhood and Fatherhood does

not necessarily produce what might be termed the spiritual side of such relationships, otherwise were the operations of this valuable society not so sorely needed as a preventative agency, whose mission it becomes to systematically agitate against harmful influences which prevent children from growing up in an atmosphere of moral uprightness; also to suppress vice by endeavoring to close harmful resorts where children's patronage is solicited, and to prosecute parties who initiate children into vice and delinquency. The Children's Aid Society constitutes itself as the guardian and protector of all children cruelly treated, either parentless or otherwise, and is conducted with statutory powers to remove them from cruel guardianship into moral and healthful environments. Through the agency of this society, citizens recently had the rare pleasure of a lecture from Judge Lindsay, on the uses of "The Juvenile Court and the Home for Delinquent Children," combining as it so effectively does both school and home. So impressive and convincing did this lecture prove that the Mayor and Aldermen and a large number of influential citizens and the immense audience who attended the lecture became unanimously determined that these institutions shall in the near future be material factors in dealing with child offenders. The local Children's Aid Society plead for practical assistance in their great undertaking, whereby a strong and influential committee, realizing the susceptibilities and possibilities of child life for good or evil, may be induced to strengthen them in their work, which has been courageously carried on amidst great discouragements and the apparent disregard of the public generally, the formation of morally and physically healthful child life, saving the city from the shame and expense of adult criminality.

THE ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY

That Dr. Fagan and those associated with him as members of the above society have not undertaken a useless crusade against a trifling or unreal dangers is evidenced by the following startling statement issued by one of the leading life insurance companies in almost worldwide activity, viz: "We hold close to nine million outstanding policies, and tuberculosis claims one victim from among this number every thirty-two minutes." Science and philanthropy became powerful allies in the war upon this dread disease, from which it would appear no country can claim complete exemption. This society, as operating locally, is twofold in its organization, the Senior Committee dealing with this subject as it affects the Province, also watchfully assisting any suspected case, in the endeavor to benefit it personally, by rendering these three essentials obtainable—fresh air, abundance of nourishing food and rest, even extending their beneficent assistance for a period of two years; they constitute it also one of their duties to send incipient cases to the Sanatorium at Tranquille, which the activities of this society have so very greatly assisted. "The Ladies' Auxiliary" was formed to render valuable assistance by undertaking public means of obtaining financial assistance. So enthusiastically and so loyally has this feature of their work been accomplished that it has raised more than \$2,000 towards the building fund of the home at Tranquille, which is now a splendid reality, cases having left the home cured, stored with such instructive hygienic knowledge as will enable them to act as preventative units among their own people and district. The recent "Tag Day" netted \$600, to be devoted towards furnishing the dining-room at Tranquille. This society pleads for more liberal assistance and enlarged membership, the aim being to secure at least 300 members paying one dollar per annum, which would ensure a good working basis for the prosecution of their work, which is most truly philanthropic in its aims and objects.

THE HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM WOMEN

This very attractive, beautiful building, known as 857 McClure Street, is the outcome of the united efforts of the Province, the City and an indefatigable committee of ladies who for many years have undertaken the care of those whom age and infirmity have thrown upon the world, often without means of support, or with so small an income that unless such a haven of rest existed, they could barely exist in scanty comfort. A visit to this most comfortable and well arranged home is truly refreshing and inspiring, as one notices how in every detail and adornment the comfort of these dear old ladies has been considered, mutely informing one that kind and generous hearts have spared neither money or effort in this labor of love for those well worn out after the storms of life. Various social functions are held from time to time at the home with a view to financial assistance in the numerous needs of the household and building, attendance on these occasions gratifyingly proving that care and reverence for the aged and infirm are characteristic of the citizens of Victoria. Old and new residents are always welcomed by the committee as visitors and an inspection of the home testifies of the beautiful spirit of loving kindness in which it is conducted by the esteemed matron, her assistants and the committee to whom this work is very de-