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A Society under the name of the "Ladies' Benevolent Society of Brantford," having for its object, the raising of funds to assist in furnishing the new "Widows' Home," was organised during the past winter. In addition to the weekly meetings, for sewing and making sundry articles that may be sold for the above-named object, it was deemed advisable to give an entertainment in December last, so as still further to increase the funds. Exception was taken by several clergymen in Brantford, to the entertainment, and a remonstrance sent to the Lady Managers of the Home. The writer of the following pages declined to join his brethren in their action, and on the following Sabbath evening, preached a sermon on the whole question of "Popular Amusements." At the request of the society, Mr. Cochrane has kindly placed his notes at their disposal, and any profits arising from the sale of the discourse will be given to the "Widows' Home."

On behalf of the Ladies' Benevolent Society,

F. L. MILLER, President.

SARAH STRATFORD, Vice-President.

LOUISA ALLEN, Treasurer.

AGNES PHILLIPS, Secretary.

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