

# Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting Of the Woman's Christian Association of Belleville.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Association was held in the Council Chamber Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 8th. Reports were given from all departments, which will be published in full in the annual report, also complete list of committees.

The following are the reports of the Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent of the Hospital and Chairman of the Indigent:

## Recording Secretary

Madame President, Officers and Members of the Woman's Christian Association:—

In presenting the 39th annual report of the Woman's Christian Association, I feel that I am once more giving you a record of faithful service and good work. It would not do to say good work done—a work such as the W.C.A. has undertaken will never be done, for the members who have brought the W.C.A. to such a splendid organization will never be content to rest until much greater results have been achieved. The work of the W.C.A. grows from year to year, but ever as it grows, one looking into the future sees possibilities of much greater growth.

Our Hospital, from a small eight-bed hospital, the first between Kingston and Toronto, has developed into an one hundred-bed hospital, splendidly equipped with many modern conveniences and devices for aiding the skill and ingenuity of the staff and also assisting in the general working of the institution. A great many repairs which might almost be called improvements, have been done during the year. At the present time a terrace flooring, a long-felt want, is being laid in the operating room No. 2, and the elevator, which for some time has not been satisfactory owing to insufficient water power, is being thoroughly overhauled and installed with an electric motor, and safety doors. This last involves a considerable outlay, but will add so materially to the safety and comfort of the nurses and patients that it was considered absolutely necessary. The second floor of the nurses' quarters has also been refurnished and decorated, adding much to the comfort and appearance of that wing. The roadway in the Hospital grounds has also been repaired, under the supervision of the City Engineer, at a very considerable expense.

Even with all these improvements, labor-saving devices and increased accommodation from year to year, our Hospital and the work accomplished is steadily outgrowing our accommodation. At times the staff is hard pressed to know what to do with those seeking admission. This, no doubt, is due to the excellent standard and reputation of the hospital and to Miss Greene, Miss Morrison and the Medical Staff all praise must be given.

In May of this year the graduating exercises of ten nurses, graduates of the Training School, were held at the hospital. This is always an interesting event, and the hospitality of Miss Greene and staff is thoroughly enjoyed, not only by the nurses and their friends, but by a large number of the Belleville citizens.

The Home continues on its quiet way, making the last years of its little family happy and contented. The Matron gives, as in former years, the same kind, thoughtful attention, and the W.C.A. is more than grateful to her. Many times it has been suggested that the name and scope of the Home might be changed. By changing the rules of admission a broader field of usefulness could be opened up, and surely so long as the W.C.A., with a committee like the present Home Board, has the Home under its management, there is no need to call it "The Home for the Friendless."

At the beginning of the past year Miss Mary Yeomans took over the work of the Indigent. This has always been a very important branch of the W.C.A. work, calling for a great deal of time, energy and tact. Miss Yeomans and her assistants have shown themselves to be in possession of these attributes, and the indigent of the City have never been better cared for.

The Association feels this branch of the work could be very much enlarged by adding a social service worker. This would necessitate the guaranteeing of a sufficient salary to a competent person; but as she would be able to assist the indigent in many ways, as well as safeguarding the interests of many of the younger citizens of Belleville, it is to be hoped that the Association will be able in the very near future to see its way clear to adding this department to its work.

The smaller, but none the less important Committees—the Linen, Dorcas, Devotional and Magdalene and Jail—as usual fulfilled their several duties.

This year, owing to food restrictions, it was found advisable to cancel the customary garden parties at the Hospital and the Home. A form of entertainment called a "Fountain Party" was given at the Home in August, when interested friends were asked for donations and the band gave a concert, which was much enjoyed by the old people and others present.

Block Day was held as usual, and the only appeal in the year the W.C.A. makes to the public, met with gratifying results.

We wish to extend our cordial thanks to all who have aided us in any way during the past year by contributions or by actual work, especially to those who have assisted with the services at the Hospital and the Home, the Auditors, Advisory Board, the Mayor and the City Council.

In the passing of Mrs. A. G. Vermilyea, for many years the convener of the Indigent Committee, the W.C.A. has lost one of its devoted friends. One of the first members, she saw the sunshine and the shadows of the passing years, but never lost her faith in the work she loved so well. The memory of her spirit, so courageous, so self-effacing, will be a continual inspiration to all who knew her.

"She left, a white unbroken glory, a gathered radiance,  
A width, a shining place under the stars."

We close now this 39th year of the Association work, realizing that though splendid things have been done, there is much yet to do. We are always in need of new workers to fill the gaps made by those who have passed on, and have left behind them the inspiration of their unbounded faith in the truth that a service done, "Even to the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Helen E. Wallbridge,  
Recording Sec., W.C.A.

## Treasurer's Report Hospital and Home Account, 1917-18.

(In this year's report the Hospital earnings are for thirteen months)

Receipts—	
Balance from last year	\$ 1672 71
Hospital Earnings	27680 05
Belleville Lodge A.F. & A.M.	25 00
Moira Lodge A.F. & A.M.	20 00
Moira Chapter A.F. & A.M.	10 00
Mrs. Sills, Toronto	25 00
Steel Company of Canada	50 00
Standard Reliance Company	21 00
Bell Telephone dividend	125 00
City Treasurer	1300 00
City Treasurer (balance from 1917)	600 00
County Treasurer	400 00
Block Day envelopes	540 17
Provincial Government Grant to Hospital	1696 28
Provincial Government Grant to Home	202 09
Membership Fees	277 00

Citizens' Contributions	394 80
Sale of pigs	95 60
Rental of Home for Registration Day	4 00
Total	\$35148 70
Expenditure—	
Hospital Allowance	\$27527 00
Home Allowance	935 00
Insurance on Hospital	386 00
Interest on Mortgage	406 28
Furnishings for Hospital	76 90
Hospital pavement and street oiling	15 70
Christmas treat to Nurses (Mrs. Sills)	10 00
Christmas treat to Home (Mrs. Sills)	5 00
Salary	50 00
Secretary's Supplies, etc.	5 00
Dorcas Society	10 00
Janitor	5 00
Flowers	5 00
Balance in Bank	\$29416 88
Total	\$35148 70

(Note—Balance cash on hand \$5731.82, from which will be deducted for cost of installing elevator, repairing and draining road on Hospital grounds, to be paid in October, \$3500.00; leaving a balance of \$2231.82.)

## Indigent Report, 1917-18.

Receipts—	
Balance from last year	\$ 435 38
Received from City Treasurer	1300 00
Refund for Hospital sewer	24 26
Total	\$1759 64

Expenditures—	
Foster Ward	\$ 116 79
Samson Ward	53 85
Ketcheson Ward	1 40
Baldwin Ward	24 13
Bleeker Ward	111 70
Coleman Ward	290 60
Murney Ward	84 66
City Poor in Hospital	602 50
Undertaking	5 00
Ambulance	3 75
Hospital Sewer Tax	24 26
Sundries	10 04
Total	\$1328 68
Balance in Bank	430 96
Total	\$1759 64

Gertrude Davis,  
Treasurer, W.C.A.

## Statistical Report of the Belleville General Hospital For the Year Ending Sept. 30, 1918.

	Male	Female	Total
Number of patients admitted	484	593	1077
Number of births	58	56	114
Patients remaining in Hospital Oct. 1st, 1917	8	22	30
Total number of patients treated	550	671	1221
Number discharged	500	630	1130
Deaths	31	20	51
Patients remaining in Hospital Oct. 1st, 1918	19	21	40
Average days' stay per patient, 1917			13.76
Collective days' stay of adults, 1917			15576
Collective days' stay of infants, 1917			1232
Collective days' stay of all patients, 1917			16808
Patients received from the City			692
Patients received from the County			405
Patients received from Prince Edward County			77
Patients received from other communities			47
Nationalities—			
Born in Canada			1039
Born in England			109
Born in Ireland			9
Born in Scotland			13
Born in United States			23
Foreigners			28
Religion—			
Protestants of all denominations			1051
Roman Catholics			170
Non-resident patients treated			475
Infants born			114
Operations performed			500

C. H. Greene, Matron.

## Training School Report

Madame President:—

In presenting the Training School Report for 1917-18, I am glad to be able to state that though this has been such a busy year, the work has gone on very pleasantly and smoothly; and while the help problem has been such a trying one, and the nurses have had to do more than their share of housework and cleaning, still all have been good-natured and we have no report. Having a class of ten graduates this spring left us rather handicapped for a time. We have now twenty-two pupils—three are third year nurses, nine are in their second year, ten in the first year. We have received and answered about seventy-five letters of inquiry about the School. Fourteen probationers were taken on trial and ten of these have been retained as pupil nurses. Of the recent graduates three are on the nursing staff of the Mowat Memorial Hospital, Kingston, one in a military hospital, Toronto, and the others are doing private nursing. Miss Crozier, of Lindsay, has taken a position of night supervisor. We have had a great many calls for nurses for homes and special work in the Hospital, which we have not been able to supply to the extent of four or five days. Our usual course of lectures and classes has been carried, though sometimes we found it rather difficult to get the time, as both the doctors and ourselves were so busy. We have had no sickness of any moment. Two nurses left the School during the year, one of her own accord and one at our request. Good reports come from our nurses overseas, three of whom have been in France for over three years, and the others being in hospitals in England.

C. H. Greene.

## Indigent

Few of our citizens, and perhaps few of the members of the Woman's Christian Association, who do not attend the regular monthly meetings of the Society, are aware of the work which the Indigent Committee are endeavoring to do toward alleviating the sufferings of the poor and unfortunate in our city.

To quote from the Constitution: "This Committee shall have charge of the work of looking after the poor of the city, and disbursing such municipal and other funds as are placed at the disposal of the Committee for that purpose."

The funds "at the disposal" of this Committee are, the municipal grant of \$100 per month, the very generous bequest of the late Senator Corby, and a small trust fund (gifts of private individuals) used at the discretion of the Chairman for special emergency cases, or private charities.

The Indigent Committee consists of the Chairman, a Convener for each of the seven wards, with one or more ward visitors as assistants. The Convener, with their assistants, investigate all known cases, giving such



The Dairy Workers in "The Marriage Question" at Griffin's Theatre, Thursday Night, October 10th.

assistance as is necessary and reporting any new or odd cases requiring unusual help, to the Chairman. One of the greatest obstacles to our successful work is the overlapping of charity; and it would be of the greatest assistance if anyone learning of needy cases would immediately report them to the Chairman, and would in private or personal assistance co-operate with the Indigent Committee in providing for the necessities of these cases, thereby avoiding the duplication or excess of gifts at one time, and a possible shortage later.

During the year many visits have been made in the various wards, though the exact number in every ward has not been obtainable owing to the absence form the city of some of the conveners, or a lack of record; but Coleman Ward shows a record of 54 visits made by our earnest and faithful convener, Mrs. St. Charles, alone; Murney Ward 17, Foster Ward 12; and Baldwin Ward 5.

Thirty-six tons of coal were given to the poor during the months from October to March, irrespective of the 42 tons given as Christmas gifts from the fund left by Senator Corby for that purpose. Eighteen and a quarter cords of wood (and 2% in the Christmas gifts) were provided, and provisions to the extent of \$99.14 were supplied.

Besides these, private charities amounting in cost to \$49.05 were made possible through the trust fund.

The ward conveners for the coming year will be: Foster Ward, Mrs. R. J. Bell, 36 Queen street, phone 837; Samson Ward, Miss Holden, 220 George street, phone 604; Ketcheson Ward, Mrs. J. Denmark, 220 George street, phone 604; Baldwin Ward, Mrs. McCoy, 218 Charles street, phone 822W; Bleeker Ward, Miss Charlotte Hay, 34 Forin street, phone 1154W; Coleman Ward, Mrs. St. Charles, 4 Molra street, phone 1154W; Ward, Mrs. R. W. McMullen, 11 Commercial street, phone 505, and Mrs. T. Blackburn, 51 Commercial street, phone 95W.

If any person interested in, or knowing of any person needing help, will communicate with the lady in charge of the ward in which the person lives, or with the Chairman of the Committee, we will not only be greatly obliged, but will promptly render any possible assistance.

Mary Yeomans,

Chairman of Indigent Committee,  
Residence, 45 Bridge Street West—Telephone 375.

## List of Officers

President—Mrs. G. E. Deroche.  
Vice-Presidents—Mrs. J. C. Moynes, Mrs. R. J. Bell, Mrs. W. J. Gibson.  
Recording Secretary—Miss Helen E. Wallbridge.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. F. Willis.  
Treasurer—Miss Gertrude Davis.  
Custodian—Mrs. L. W. Yeomans.

## Committees

Hospital Board of Management—Mrs. J. C. Moynes, Chairman.  
Hospital Board Auxiliary—Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Convener; Mrs. W. J. Gibson, Co-Convener.  
Home Board of Management—Mrs. G. F. Stewart, Chairman.  
Indigent—Miss M. Yeomans, Chairman; Miss Helena Lynch, Assistant.

## Fine Tribute Paid Aged Jubilarians

Sisters Presented With Purse of Gold by Doctors' Work of Hotel Dieu Reviewed.

On Thursday evening the Catholic doctors of Kingston paid a tribute to the valuable services rendered for fifty long years to the medical staff of the Hotel Dieu by the Rev. and Venerable Sisters Smith and Mary August. In the operating room of the institution, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion, on behalf of the staff and in the presence of the name of the Rev. Sisters, Dr. O'Connor, Mother and Sisters of the Community, Dr. Phelan addressed the jubilarians.

He eloquently referred to the early days of the Hotel Dieu, the trials, the difficulties, the struggles, but most of all to the faithful perseverance of the good Sisters in their devotion to God and to suffering humanity. Then he contrasted the old building on Brook street with the present Hotel Dieu and so spacious, so well appointed, so complete in every particular for the great service that it is daily rendering to the city of Kingston, and to the surrounding country.

He closed his address with most sincere congratulations and presented the kind old nurse with a purse of fifty dollars in gold.

Dr. C. E. O'Connor in an impressive manner referred to the great work of fifty years as a religious hospitalier, emphasizing the great spiritual comfort as well as the physical comfort that these benevolent sisters had here from Montreal to visit his sister, Mrs. Lorezo Guidard, and had been, always extended to their afflicted sick.

At the request of Rev. Mother Farrell, Dr. Ferguson O'Connor responded on behalf of the recipients. He reviewed Dr. Dwyer on Monday.

ed the many tributes of honor and devotion that had been paid the celebrants of this, their Golden Jubilee, by the community of the Hotel Dieu the Archbishop and clergy of the diocese as well as by representatives of sister institutions. It was a source of great satisfaction for the aged sisters to see, in the present Hotel Dieu so complete a fulfillment of the early aims or the founders of the institution. And now this mark of appreciation of their own and the community's efforts coming from staff together with the presence of every member of the staff is the crowning event in the series of ceremonies that have marked another milestone in the history of the Hotel Dieu. In the name of the Rev. Sisters, Dr. O'Connor thanked the staff.

There were present Doctors Phelan, C. E. O'Connor, C. A. Morrison, Robt. Hanley, Isobel McConville, W. Gibson, J. P. Quigley, E. Crowley, F. Gibson, J. A. Kenney, and S. Hanley.

## Fatal Shooting Affray at Perth Saturday Last

Perth, Ont., Oct. 9.—The body of Lucia Godfrey, a young returned soldier was found on the Thompson farm near here Sunday. A deep wound in his head was the cause of death. The previous day he went out shooting but failed to return in the evening. A search was instituted and ended today at noon when the body was located by Omar and Lorenz Guidard. Deceased came from here from Montreal to visit his sister, Mrs. Lorezo Guidard, and had been a sufferer from shell shock and gas.

## Carpet Bowling

At the True Blue hall last evening a well contested match was played between teams skipped by Messrs. Kelly and G. W. Kerr, of the Belleville Carpet Bowling Club.

The match was an exciting one, during the first half the team skiped by Mr. Kelly held the upper hand. The second half was so skillfully played by Mr. Kerr's team that the victorious team led by only one point. Final scores being 35 to 34 Mr. Kelly's team winning. Mr. P. K. Lisher umpired to the entire satisfaction of all. Mr. Butler acted as official scorer.

The teams lined up as follows:  
Mr. B. Kelly, sk. Mr. G. W. Kerr, sk.  
Mr. I. Sills. Mr. B. O. Frederick.  
Mr. H. Doolittle. Mr. W. Tugwood.  
Mr. J. Robinson, vs. Mr. F. B. Naylor vs.  
Mr. W. Hudson. Mr. E. W. Penn.  
Mr. P. Skinner. Mr. A. Rowlands.  
Great enthusiasm was shown by both players and spectators.

## Lt. Rochester Killed

Secretary of Lord's Day Alliance has Lost Two Sons.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—Lieut. G. H. Rochester, son of Rev. W. M. Rochester, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, has died of wounds. His death occurred on September 28. He is the second member of the Rochester family to give his life for his country.

Lieut. Rochester obtained a commission in the 304th Battalion during 1916. He went overseas with his unit. He was in his twenty-fourth year and was married. His wife and a son, who are now at Dauphin, Man. survive him, as well as his parents and two brothers. His son was born after his departure for overseas.

A brother, Sergt. E. M. Rochester, was killed while serving with his battery at Passchendaele during November, 1917. A third brother, Lieut. H. C. Rochester, who was an instructor at Camp Borden with the R.A.F., is now at home recovering from injuries received in an airplane accident.

## Fasting Out of Date, Declare Methodists

Proposal That the Three-day Fast Be Observed Turned Down.

Hamilton, Oct. 9.—Fasting is a thing of the past as far as Canadian Methodism is concerned. The General Conference now in session here refuses to take seriously the suggestion sent on by the Bay of Quinte Conference that the delegates spend three days in fasting, prayer and humiliation before God, in order to help bring peace to the world.

The matter was mentioned in one of the committees, and did not meet with an enthusiastic support. "It moves that the fasting be postponed until the rise of Conference," said one waggish delegate. "If that were done it would not worry anybody."

Peterborough Nurse Takes "Flu." Mrs. Cuffe received word today that Nursing Sister Mildred Droupe, at present in England, is seriously ill with Spanish influenza.—Examiner.

Dust Causes Asthma. Even a little speck too small to see will lead to agonies which no words can describe. The walls of the breathing tubes contract and it seems as if the very life must pass. From this condition Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy brings the user to perfect rest and health. It relieves the passages and normal breathing is firmly established again. Hundreds of testimonials received annually prove its effectiveness.

## COUNTY AND DISTRICT

The Price of Milk in Kingston

MAN SIDESTEPS

Brockville Churches Ring To Fuel St

Playing Poker on the

Cobourg.—On Monday who were trespassing on Sunday, were fore P.M. Floyd and or two months in goal have been cheaper and their morals to have a day school.—Sentinel

Cremery Re-opens

The Coborne Cream whose plant was destroyed by fire, have purchased equipment and have re-opened in the building street which was erected ago by the old Cheese and Warkworth Journal

Hoodmen Patriotic

If all the citizens of food regulations as well keepers and restaurants be no need to worry about age. The corner chap who yesterday and he have to visit at least before you can satisfy of course, the hotelmen it to be patriotic.—Port

Going Up!

Kingston, Oct. 9.—T milk was given a boost day. It has been selling all summer and is now up per quart. This raises of a meeting of the farm tense County held recent

Gave Police the Slip

Kingston.—William W. ed for a time in the ar discharged as his eyesight it appears that through son's blunder the separation for his wife was ne the time he was discharged the past year his wife is joying the government p on the part of some pe become known anti it was not long before police were sent out to Walker. Two military called at Walker's house night and it was here t put one over on them. It ed that Walker answered when the military offi "Yes," Mr. Walker is in and get him," said the door, and the two men ushered into the parlor, the man wanted skippe back door, leaving the parlor waiting for "Mr. Mr. Walker did not put appearance, however, and men began to get some By and by another man who proved to be a rela much wanted man. It was they found that the man ed had made his escape. military police are still "Mr. Walker"

Half Dollar For a Haircut

Peterboro Citizens are the newspapers complain because the barbers of intend raising the price to fifty cents. If they do pay the price, they can let grow. And think what a wished appearance it v them.

Brockville Churches Unite

Representatives of the two Methodist and two churches at Brockville met in the school room of Presbyterian Church to a combined services during winter in order to conserve as possible. It was a Wall Street Methodist, Geo. Methodist, First Presby St. John's Presbyterian tions shall meet in W Church and that these uni begin on Sunday Novemb Baptists will war-bis in school room, burning about Belleville

Escaped Prisoner Has Rec

—Roy Hunter, who was a Port Hope yesterday by on charges of arson, goa and fraud, appears to have record all his own. On 1915, he was sentenced to at Toronto for theft, and of this year he was given at Walkerville for fraud, located here, and who