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LADIES OF THE MAPLE CITY AND THEIR GOOD WORK

Annual Meeting of the Home of the Friendless Society—Encouraging Reports Submitted—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

The ladies of the Home of the Friendless Society held their annual meeting in the council chamber, Harrison Hall, yesterday afternoon, with the following ladies present: Mesdames Stevens, Ferguson, Fleming, Laird, Eberts, A. Richardson, Stegman, Jno. A. Walker, A. McDonald, Ryan Tyhurst, and Misses Kingston and C. Ryan.

The ladies of the society cannot be commended too highly for the excellent work they are doing in caring for the poor of the town. Last year they have had unbounded success in their work. Mrs. Stevens, president, Mrs. Fleming, treasurer, and Miss Ryan, secretary, have proven to be excellent officers, and the greater amount of the praise for the year's work is directly due to these three energetic and faithful workers.

Dr. Battisby, who was present, opened the meeting with a short prayer, after which the reports from the different officers and committees on the year's work were read.

In addressing the meeting, Mrs. N. H. Stevens, the retiring president, said:—
"In the natural course of time this society has at last reached its majority or its coming of age year. In another month it will be 21 years since its organization and we are pleased to say that some of its promoters are yet active interested members.

The public charity done by the ladies in 1881 was confined entirely to the home proper, and the inmates under its roof. Some few years later \$2,000 was granted to the ladies for the maintenance of the Home, and outside poor of the town. Since then there has been a gradual expansion of responsibilities and the ladies have charge of all the public charities of the city, such as the providing of fuel, provisions, clothing, etc., the expenses of railroad passes, funerals, hospital, physician, etc. We pay no rent out of the public funds. The work of distribution is attended to by five ladies, each taking charge of one of the five wards and the poor are well looked after.

During the past two years the factories of Chatham have given employment to all persons who are willing and able to work, and the city has been in such a prosperous condition that the demands for help have not been so great and we are able to show a greater balance in the bank by about \$300, than ever before. During the summer the ladies decided to hand to build a verandah to the south side of the Home, and the ladies were asked for from the city contractors, but no offers were received, and the builders having already contracted for as much as they could to take owing to the scarcity of carpenters and the building of the verandah has to be postponed. This year our society mourned the loss of a good and kindly physician in the death of Dr. Beckus. We have been fortunate, however, in securing the services of Dr. Musson as city physician.

"I cannot close without thanking the ladies of the society for their kindness and consideration to myself during the three years I have had the honor of being their president, and now at the close of my term of office, may serve you more efficiently than I have been able to do."

Miss Ryan, the secretary of last year, read the following report:—

CHARITY, THE GOLDEN RULE.
To the Chairman and Ladies of the Home of the Friendless Society.

In presenting the annual report of the Home of the Friendless Society we are glad to furnish an account of progress and growth.

The Home has sheltered within its walls many of our aged and infirm citizens as well as some from the country, aiding and comforting them in their declining years.

We have at present 10 inmates in residence, 30 admitted to the Home, and provisions to be made for 100 from one day to several months, nine of whom were there previous to last year, one aged man paying board.

We have furnished outside the home food and provisions to 139 persons in all, 60 white and 79 colored; 123 Protestants, 16 Catholics, 223 wood orders, given 377 grocery orders from 25c to \$1.00; 16 R. R. passes to the travelling poor, 12 hospital patients. Also educating one deaf and dumb boy at Belleville Institute.

Charlotte Ryan, Secretary.

Mrs. Laird, chairman of the Religious committee presented the following report:—

Services have been held at the Home on Sunday by laymen, and on Thursdays by the city clergymen. The following laymen have attended:—

Name	Times
F. M. Smith	2
Wm. Sharp	2
John Reave	9
A. Thomson, Sr.	6
R. T. Garvin	3
M. Sides	2
Warren Martin	2
C. Ticker	4
H. Macfarlane	2
W. H. McFarlane	2
S. O'Neil	1
J. McConnell	1
James Gardiner	3
H. Kennedy	1

The following clergymen have at-

Milk	41.07
Hardware	13.25
Groceries	238.66
Printing	7.08
Insurance	31.25
Waterworks	16.82
Hospitals	124.16
Miscellaneous	44.50
Railroad passes	57.20
Cash in Bank	1007.10

Three hundred dollars of this is in the savings department of the Chatham Loan & Savings Company, interest also on Mrs. Garner's bequest \$33.48 interest. The Sherwood legacy is for railway passes and Mrs. Garner's is for improving the Home.

Mrs. R. G. Fleming, Treasurer.
Mayor Sulman then presided over the annual election of officers. They were elected as follows:
President—Mrs. Stegman.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. Ferguson.
Rec. Sec.—Miss Ryan.
Cor. Sec.—Mrs. Brady.
Treasurer—Mrs. Fleming.
Spec. Treas.—Mrs. Eberts.
Religious committee—Mesdames Laird, Snook and McDonald.
Advisory Board—Mesdames J. A. Walker, Scame, Ryan, Ball, Rutherford, Richardson and Messrs. Houston, Walker, Dr. Battisby, the Mayor and the Finance committee of the City Council.

Special committee—Mesdames N. H. Stevens, McDonald, and W. D. Sheldon.

After the election of officers the business of the meeting was concluded and a vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor for his kindness in presiding at the meeting.

A very hearty vote of thanks was also passed to Mrs. N. H. Stevens, the retiring President, for her very efficient services during the past three years.

The meeting then closed with the benediction, pronounced by Mrs. A. Richardson.

Mrs. R. G. Fleming, treasurer of the Special Fund, reported:
Sherwood interest on hand.....\$40.00
Given out in—
Ward 1.....10.50
Ward 2.....50
Ward 3.....18.25
Ward 4.....9.50
Ward 5.....1.00
Balance.....\$89.75
May M. Eberts.

Mrs. R. G. Fleming, treasurer of the annual statement:
Balance in the Bank, 1901.....\$ 712.54
City grant.....2000.00
Out government grant.....309.54
Sundries.....104.97
Disbursements.....\$3127.05
Wards.....\$ 237.68
Wages.....243.38
Wood and coal.....538.83
Clothing.....27.23
Medical attendance.....7.53
Meat.....100.34
Expenses.....69.50
Miscellaneous.....90.97
Doctors' services.....125.00
Bread and flour.....65.50

THE MAYORALTY

The decision of Mr. Wm. E. McKough to acquiesce in the requisition of the citizens, soliciting his candidature for the mayoralty, in all probability completes the lists—as far as the campaign for the chief magistracy is concerned—and leaves with the electors nearly three months in which to consider their verdict.

There may be something to be said against the lengthy campaign—there is this to be said, and said strongly, in its favor.

With ample time the electoral jury may give the fullest consideration to the claims of each candidate upon their suffrages; they may review their respective public records; they may weigh well the influences which brought about their candidature; they may estimate their intrinsic worth, their integrity, their business abilities, their energy and enterprise, their value to the city's progress and prosperity—AND A TRUE VERDICT GIVE.

There has never been a time in the history of Chatham when the affairs of the city needed an honest, fearless, vigorous and business-like administration more than at the present. We are now close to the absolute necessity of squarely and honestly facing a number of serious civil problems. Among the matters which the Mayor and Council of 1903 must adjudicate are the Bell Telephone franchise, which expires next year, the probable paving of Queen and other streets, and many more large municipal contracts. These issues must be met, and it means hundreds of dollars to the city whether they are met in a straightforward, progressive, business-like spirit, or whether the necessities of the situation are made the excuse for intriguing and wire-pulling and a policy of make-shift or compromise.

The earnest and emphatic requisition of every ratepayer and civic patriot to-day is, WANTED—AN HONEST AND BUSINESS-LIKE COUNCIL FOR 1903.

And more especially must this be the case in the selection of the executive head of the municipality, the man who will guide and direct the deliberations of the aldermen, whose influence will prove paramount in the consideration and decision of important public problems.

For this honorable and responsible position the people of Chatham want a man who stands above petty politics and silly sympathies; they want a man who will be fearless and upright in the discharge of all his public duties; they want a man who will be loyal to the best interests of those he represents; they want a man, who, sooner than countenance any shady manoeuvre or give assent to any individual wire-pulling, will not distinctively deplored to the public weal, WOULD RENOUNCE HIS OWN PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND TENDER HIS RESIGNATION FORTHWITH.

The Planet believes that in the candidature of Mr. McKough the requisitionists have secured such a man, and in tendering him our heart support this journal believes it is acting for the best welfare of the city at large, for the conserving of honesty, vigor, economy, enterprise and progress in public problems and municipal policy. And, moreover, we believe that, in electing him as head of the municipality, the people of Chatham will do honor to themselves and to their city.

MAPLE CITY COUNCIL WILL START A WOOD YARD

Will Buy 2,000 Cords if Possible and Sell for Cash at Cost—Lake Erie Offers City \$2,000—More William Street Pavement—New Street Scraper to be Bought.

The Lake Erie Railroad offer \$2,000 cash in lieu of car shops.

Ex-City Engineer McNab's salary was ordered paid up till Oct. 6.

Ald. Mounter hopes soon to open Patterson avenue through to Queen street.

The city will go into the wood business. If they can get it, 2,000 cords of wood will be purchased.

The city will purchase a street scraper for use in cleaning the mud from the city pavements.

A wooden block pavement will be laid on William street, from Colborne street to Stanley avenue.

Finance Committee cut down the Board of Works' estimate and as a result the Board of Works account is overdrawn.

The Dominion Paving Co. wrote that they would make no extra charge for using cement as filler for William and Sixth street pavements in place of tar.

Trees in Tecumseh park are doomed. Ald. Fleming appointed in the summer to mark the trees to be taken out should meet and do its work.

A deputation from the Library Board visited on the council and asked the latter body to promise an expenditure of \$1800 per annum on the Library so as to get an additional grant of \$3,000 from the city.

A largely signed petition was received asking that the blind alley be closed on the S. S. of King street, and east of the market, be opened through to William street. The petition was referred to the Finance committee and the Board of Works.

Ald. Taylor was the only absentee at the council meeting last evening. The session was a busy one.

Accounts from Quinn & Patterson, totaling \$3,000 were not certified to and were referred to the Board of Works. The accounts of James Eech's \$1.75, and John Piggott & Sons \$39.25 were referred to the Board of Works.

John Piggott & Sons wrote calling attention to bid holes in King street between Dr. Holmes' residence and LaCroix street. Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Mounter said that these holes had already been filled.

A petition for a wooden block pavement on William street from the S. S. of Colborne street to the north side of Stanley avenue was received. The petition was sufficiently signed and was referred to the Engineer to report on.

The account of J. & J. Oldershaw, \$91.04, was referred to the Board of Works with power.

Ald. Cowan—I heard some comments passed on some items in that account. I am not reflecting on Mr. Oldershaw.

Alderman Mounter.—The Board of Works will be pleased to receive any information you have.

Ald. Mounter read a letter from the Cleveland Stone Company, quoting prices of sandstone to replace the broken slabs in front of the Chatham Loan Co. Referred to the Board of Works.

The accounts of J. H. Oldershaw, \$39.06, and A. A. Jones, \$2 were referred to the Board of Works.

King, Cunningham & Drew wrote offering a street scraper that would clean the mud from the pavements. The price was \$165 and the machine was offered free for a week on trial. Referred to the Board of Works.

A request from Mrs. Barner, Poplar street, to trim trees, was referred to the Chief of Police.

Ald. Fleming said that he had been looking through the park, and now was the proper time to mark the trees that should be taken out. He asked the clerk to notify the men to the committee appointed for this purpose to meet and do their work.

The request of Mrs. Bedford, Selkirk street, to trim trees, was referred to the Chief of Police.

A petition was received requesting that the alley back of the stores on the S. S. of King street, between the market square and William street be opened through to William street. The right of way through the Smith estate would have to be purchased from S. M. Glenn. The petition was signed by J. P. Rutherford, J. C. Wanless and a large number of others.

Ald. McGough said he would like to see this matter discussed. The many who had signed the petition were perhaps not aware of the actual cost, which would be in the neighborhood of \$100. This alley being opened would allow the city in for paying a share of the brick pavement and the sewer on William street. Ald. McGough favored laying the matter over or else having the work done under

local improvement. A great number of citizens who were not benefited at the time, would have to pay for the work if the city undertook to do it.

Ald. Cowan—Can it be done under the Local Improvement Act?

The Mayor—Yes.

Ald. Thomson said that only those in the immediate neighborhood would be benefited. The party holding the property, was only holding it for speculative purposes. If this blind alley was opened up, others would have to be.

Ald. Mounter said that he would like to see this matter considered. He had no objection to the petition being referred to the Board of Works, but he preferred that it be referred to the Board of Works and the Finance Committee to discuss how the alley should be opened and who should pay for it.

Ald. Marshall seconded Ald. Mounter's motion that the matter be referred to the two committees named and the motion carried.

Geo. Shoemith, Head street, wrote requesting remission of taxes on property he had purchased on Head street. Referred to Finance.

The City Solicitor's bill as taxed, was read. It showed a reduction of \$361.41. Referred to Finance.

The Dominion Paving Co. wrote stating that they would make no exchange for using cement as a filler in place of tar on the Sixth and William St. pavements provided they were notified in time. Referred to the Board of Works.

The deeds of the Smith lot on Victoria avenue and the Waddell lot on Water street, were accepted by the council. These lots were purchased to secure earth for filling in for granite pavements.

O. B. Hulth's request to trim trees was referred to the Chief of Police.

On motion of Ald. McGough, seconded by Ald. Marshall, a deputation from the Public Library Board, consisting of Chairman Thibodeau, Albert Sheldrick, and Theo. Scullard, was heard.

They requested the council to pass a resolution promising to spend \$1800 a year on the library maintenance in order to secure an additional grant of \$3,000 from Andrew Carnegie. The council are already pledged to spend \$1,500, and an additional \$300 is asked for.

Thomas Scullard first addressed the council. He said that the Board would require more than the \$15,000 they were getting from Mr. Carnegie and they had been offered \$3,000 more by the same donor if Chatham would guarantee to spend \$1800 per annum upon the maintenance of the library. The Board had been successful in the past. The cost to the city would not be \$1800, as \$200 was received from the government grant, and about \$115 from fines and carriages. The county council were also offering to pay for the privilege of residents of Dover, Raleigh and Harwich townships using the Library.

Albert Sheldrick followed Mr. Scullard. Mr. Sheldrick had studied up the cost of maintenance of the library. He found that the average amount paid by Chatham during the past ten years was \$1,350, the average government grant was \$200 and the average from fines and fees was \$115.51. The greatest expenditure was in 1893, when the library cost the city \$2,361, and the lowest was in 1901, when the library drew from the civic coffers \$1,270.

It was expected that the cost of fuel and light in the new building would increase. Mr. Sheldrick went into figures on the contract showing that it would require nearly \$3,000 to complete the building after the \$15,000 was expended. This, three thousand dollars could be secured in one of two ways—by issuing debentures or by the council promising to spend \$300 more in maintenance than the \$1500 they had already promised to spend. Mr. Sheldrick said that the figures had been overlooked in awarding the contract.

Chairman Thibodeau endorsed what his colleagues had said.

Ald. Marshall said that in order to bring the matter up for discussion, he would move that a new resolution be passed by the council and a copy forwarded to Carnegie.

Ald. Marshall said he was sorry that the extras bill was so large, but he was sure that the public library officials were doing the best they could. Borrowing money on debentures was too costly, and to accept Carnegie's offer appeared to be the best solution of the trouble.

Ald. McGough said he was in sympathy with the Library Board, but if there were any possible way of avoiding going further into debt he would like to see the Board adopt it. Ald. McGough suggested raising the money by a concert. The tax rate now was within a mill and a half of the rate which could be legally levied and next year the debentures of the Chaplin wheel Co. would have to be paid. The Mayor suggested that a committee be appointed to talk the matter over.

Ald. Mounter asked that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, and it was so referred.

Chairman Mounter of the Board of Works reported recommending—That R. H. Humphrey's request for extension of sewer on Wellington street to his premises be granted, he to pay for the work.

That Jas. Glenn's request for the

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