

Chaplain of the Society a few days previously, was set apart and wished God-speed as he left to take charge of the work in Vancouver. From then till now he has been Chaplain-Superintendent of the Home.

Many prominent and public-spirited citizens belonging to the principal religious denominations have acted as directors, officers and honorary workers of the Society for varying periods, during the eighteen years of its history in Vancouver, and some of them are still identified with all its activities. The officers for 1925 are: Captain F. L. Davison, President; Mr. A. S. Thompson and Captain R. A. Batchelor, Vice-Presidents; Mr. S. C. Binns, Treasurer. With these are associated on the directorate, Major (Rev.) C. C. Owen, Mr. T. H. Kirk, Mr. W. A. Clark, Alderman J. Bennett, Rev. (Col.) G. O. Fallis, Mrs. J. L. Turnbull, Mrs. J. T. Blowey, Mrs. (Capt.) S. Robinson, Mrs. L. Diether and Mrs. Wm. T. Kinley

WOMEN'S WORK NOTEWORTHY

The Ladies' Guild is an organization of women who have been the backbone of the work from its very inception. More than half of the income of the Society from year to year has been raised by this faithful Auxiliary of consecrated workers. Among its past Presidents whose names are often mentioned are: Mrs. A. Bethune, Mrs. C. S. Douglas, Mrs. W. A. Davison, Mrs. J. T. Blowey and Mrs. Woodward. Mrs. F. L. Davison has been the much loved and faithful President for three or four years past and still occupies the office and with her as Vice-Presidents for much of the same period have been associated, Mrs. S. Robinson, Mrs. J. T. Blowey, Mrs. W. A. Clark, Mrs. Wm. McQueen, and Mrs. L. H. Nicholson.

As the shipping of the port increases, the demands made upon the Vancouver Sailors' Home are correspondingly increased. The accommodation which was adequate for the men desiring to stay in the Home a few years ago, is no longer adequate. The number of men making use of the Home in 1920 was almost doubled in 1924. Forty or fifty beds would not be too many to meet the demands of the future where some twenty or less were sufficient in the past.

The income of the Society from all sources in 1924 was approximately \$6,500.00, and the expenditure \$5,000.00 in round figures. The surplus of last year, however, may become a deficit in the present year if the same efficiency is required. Free beds, cash help, meal-tickets and other forms of assistance given to sick, old, destitute and disabled seamen, to the amount of almost \$1,200.00 in 1924, may not be at our disposal for the same purposes during 1925. We are obliged to cut the suit according to the cloth.

A City Grant?—16th May, Tag Day.

Any expenditure to increase the accommodation of the Home and make it more efficient and useful is warranted only as we can secure special assistance from some extra or additional source or sources. A grant from the City for which we have made repeated application has been turned down, when in our judgment less deserving organizations secured thousands of dollars, but the privilege of arranging a Tag Day has been accorded us. During the years of the war this was our best source of income, but for the past two or three years has been gradually diminishing. Our Tag Day this year is to be held on Saturday, May 16th, and on that date we hope many citizens will contribute liberally.

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