

As was fitting due credit was given to the work of the late Sir William Gage for the Order. It is known to all that he was most steadfast in his efforts for its welfare.

The Chairman, Mr. Arthur Hewitt, read the report of the Executive Committee, which told of the advancement made by the Order during Sir William Gage's tenure of office. For six years he acted as Chairman and during that time the number of nurses engaged by the Order increased from 9 to 44. In 1920 13,499 births were recorded at the City Hall, and of this number 2,164 were attended by Victorian Order nurses. Regret was expressed at the death of the late Mrs. J. Herbert Mason, a staunch friend of the Order in Toronto. Mr. Justice Orde seconded the adoption of this report.

The financial statement showed total receipts of \$55,024.69, an expenditure of \$51,649.87 and a balance of \$3,374.82. The amount received from patients was \$15,254.15.

The Superintendent's report gave the most convincing proof of the growth of the Order. In 1920 7,574 patients were treated, this being an increase over the previous year of 2,072. Visits reached the grand total of 62,508, an increase of 20,641. Nursing visits (bedside care) numbered 53,527, an increase of 16,104, and confinement cases treated totalled 1,820, being 516 more than in 1919.

A resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Powell and seconded by Dr. J. L. Hughes read, in part, as follows:

"We, the members of the Toronto branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, assembled together March 4, 1921, our first meeting since the said departure on January 14 last of our greatly beloved companion and leader, Sir William J. Gage, who always gave in abundance comfort, hope and cheer in our relief work for the sick and suffering, and who was a tower of strength in sunshine and shadow, leading us to accomplish more and more in life-saving efforts, met as we are to-day, we pause for a moment to offer our united and heartfelt sympathy to Lady Gage and her loved ones who mourn the absence of one whose gentle, loving character reflected the life of Him who went about continually doing good."

This resolution was unanimously passed, the audience standing silent for some moments in reverent honor of the departed.

A vote of thanks to the nursing staff was moved in an eloquent speech by Rev. Father Minehan, and seconded by Mr. H. H. Love, and others taking part in the programme were Dr. N. A. Powell, Rev. I. Tovell, D.D., and General Fotheringham.