

(even if they have called you early), the little nestling creatures; you can feel in imagination their tender feathered bodies in your hand—gentle, fragile beings, so easily crushed. Who could be cruel to such as these? And turning about to look back in your room—behold the hat you were wearing yesterday; and just such dainty creatures as these singing outside your window have been snared, and—think of it!—the skin torn off their poor little quivering bodies, while they were yet quite alive, to adorn?—this same hat. What a dreadful thought.

One of the monstrous things displayed by a leading milliner in Toronto is a hat with forty-four birds wings upon it, which means the death of twenty-two birds—"The very Saint Bartholomew of birds."

Let us hope no one will be found vulgar enough to wear such a cruel thing. Women have gained a reputation for cruelty the wide world over by their thoughtlessness. It is not vanity that tempts a woman to wear these things, for the flowers and ribbons are more beautiful and more becoming. It is only stupidity to ignore the pleadings of the humane, but there is a dreadful incongruity in the wearer of a silver cross, flitting about in a hat covered with birds wings.

We should not be asked to associate vulgarity, stupidity and cruelty, with ever so remote a wearer of that emblem of peace and kindness.

HISTORY.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The circle of King's Daughters was formed in Aylmer in the spring of 1880. The membership was small at first, but when it was understood that it was not a denominational society, and that the object of it was simply doing what was possible to relieve the poor and afflicted of the town, a number expressed their desire to join.

The number of members has fluctuated somewhat in the nine years of its existence, still there has always been a good number of earnest workers.

When the circle was first formed, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Glover; Sec-Treasurer, Miss MacMaster. The latter position was held by Miss MacMaster until she deserted the ranks, and became the wife of the Rev. W. A. Cook. In this important sphere of life she has found ample scope for King's Daughters principles, and has formed a successful circle in her husband's parish at Thorold. Her office was filled by Miss Young, who held it very efficiently until the fall of 1895, when she left us to enter the foreign mission field in Japan. Since that time the position

has been filled by Miss Inglis. In September 1894 Mrs. Ambridge was appointed President, and was very much appreciated by the Circle, but she resigned her position in January of the present year, and Miss Glover was again appointed.

The motto of the Circle is:

"Do the duty that lies nearest to thee."

Scripture text—'Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.'

Lines of work—Helping the poor, visiting the sick, and watching our daily actions.

The members at present are:

Mesdames Ambridge, Hutchinson, Dredge, E. McCausland, J. Wrong, Haines, McNeil, W. McKenzie; Misses Simpson, Hume, Phelps, Nairn, Wickett, Youell, Anderson, Sowler, Elliott, Duane, Lewis, Parlee, Inglis, Glover and the Misses Brighty.

For the first two years the work was not carried on as systematically as it has been since. The members were few and the meetings irregular. A number of parlor concerts were held, with sales of fancy work in connection, however, and considerable money raised and expended. An invalid's chair, which cost \$25 was one of the "first fruits." The Secretary has been able to make a financial statement, going back as far as 1891, so that those who have so kindly helped us may know how the money has been expended. We earnestly desire to thank all those who have given us their sympathy and support, without which the work could not have been carried on.

We wish to state that the money sent to Miss McIntyre's "night shelter for women," and to Miss Young, has been the collections taken up at the meetings of the Circle. So the money given us by the town has always been expended here.

Owing to lack of space, we cannot give the itemized account as prepared by our Secretary.

THE THINGS WE LONG FOR.

If you spring this question at a person—"What do you long for?" he will probably answer you, the millennium, which will be a falsehood, for no one really longs for that holy time. What men do long for is position and wealth. Who cares how hollow the heart is, provided it be covered with a star? Who thinks the head empty shadowed by a crown? Who sees foolishness, or stupidity in a millionaire? No one. We curl our lips superciliously in speaking of the Egyptian's golden calf, and bow down before a plated fool. We sacrifice our comfort at home to sit on the doorsteps of royalty abroad. We spend our substance chasing shadows, and find life a failure—while failure is only within the heart of man.

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