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The Hospital Matter

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN:

Recently, the following question was directed to the writer, "why should we not give as generously to a Memorial Hospital as to the various interests represented in the Forward Movement?" Some might not consider the two causes comparable, yet to many of us there is no truer expression of Home Missions than a Hospital. In other words, the crux of the whole discussion about hospitals lies in the fact, that a true hospital is that place where the poorest and most unfortunate of our citizens may receive equal care with others more happily endowed.

We find in Kings County at the present time a strong and genuine interest in the matter of erection of hospitals. In the opinion of the writer there is a great deal of misapprehension regarding the relative merits of a chain of Cottage Hospitals and a larger institution. The chief objection to a cottage hospital lies in the fact, that, owing to its necessarily small accommodation of beds and equipment, it cannot minister adequately to the poor. The last issue of THE ACADIAN quotes Dr. Murdock Chisholm as saying that the cost of maintaining a patient in a twelve bed hospital was \$1.30 to \$1.60 per day. This may have been true some years ago, but the reports of Nova Scotia hospitals for 1918 quote the cost of maintaining a patient in a hospital of fifty or more beds as being from \$1.40 to \$2.25 per day, while small hospitals charge as much as \$3.00 a day higher. We must remember that overhead charges are disproportionately more in the small hospital than in the larger institution. The latter has its nurses' training school and only pays salaries to the heads of departments, whereas the cottage hospital must procure its help at prevailing rates. A local or cottage hospital to justify its existence must adequately meet the demands of all classes of medical and surgical cases in the constituency.

With the passing of the untrained nurse and the difficulty in providing domestic help, maternity cases are more and more looking for accommodation in a hospital. Special provision needs to be made in any hospital for these cases. Then again we have to consider the contagious diseases, which are cared for with great difficulty in the home. The local hospital must make some provision for these. We should provide the best possible means for diagnosis, the most adequate equipment for treatment.

We concur with THE ACADIAN in the belief, that had our local campaign toward this end been pushed last spring, there would have been a very generous response in the community. This is an age of service—we give today to the Forward Movement, to-morrow we give to the Hospital.

One of Canada's best known writers is preparing a series of articles on the development of Canada in Canadian Home Journal. The writer after an absence of a quarter of a century from the Dominion will express his views on its development. She does not wish to divulge her name, believing that she can speak with more freedom if her name is unknown.

One Hundred Millions Within Reach

HOW BETTER HIGHWAYS WOULD ENABLE OUR FARMERS TO DOUBLE THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF THE PROVINCE.

How better highways would enable our farmers to double the agricultural production of the Province.

Who produces the wealth of Nova Scotia?

The workers in the four great primary industries of the Province. These are the farmers, the miners, the lumbermen and the fishermen. In order of production they ranked thus during 1919:

The farmer \$51,034,000
The miner, \$26,254,000.
The lumberman, \$26,965,000.
The fisherman, \$14,350,000.

It will be seen that forty-seven per cent of the primary wealth of Nova Scotia was produced by the farmer.

That is a good showing, but it might be better. As a matter of fact it would be possible to double our agricultural production within ten years. In few if any of the other departments of industry is any such increase of output possible within that period.

That increase would mean \$100,000,000 from our farms. Wouldn't that make the wheels of prosperity spin in Nova Scotia?

Just two essentials are necessary for this happy result: Proper farming and better equipment.

By proper farming we mean simply the working of our farms in the manner and to the degree that the most progressive farmers of the Province do. That's up to the individual farmer.

By proper equipment we mean, for the most part, good roads. That's up to all the people of this Province.

Anyone can see that the man whose farm is separated from its market by several miles of difficult roadway wastes a large part of his time, his energy and his capital on unnecessary efforts in transportation. As an inevitable result he is driven into a less productive kind of farming and moreover loses part of the proper returns even from the unproductive type of farming he follows. While it is true that good roads will not of themselves increase agricultural production it is equally true that they will give the farmer a chance to do so. Indeed good roads are an indispensable preliminary to the process of getting more from the land.

We cannot hope to gain a position of industrial ascendancy.

REMOVAL.—Mr. J. F. Herbin, who has been devoting his time to eye examination for some time, has moved into his Optical Rooms upstairs in his building. His examination office is now fitted up with up-to-date instruments, where in future he will be able to give his expert services to his growing practice exclusively. He has a commodious waiting room, and all persons needing his skilled service may consult him. Mr. Herbin is secretary of the recently organized Optometrical Association of Nova Scotia, being on the Directorate, and is assistant publisher and editor of the Optical Journal of Canada, for Nova Scotia, and is a frequent contributor to its columns on optometrical subjects.

Social Service

A representative meeting of Wolfville citizens, at the Baptist church on Monday evening, decided in favor of the organization of a Social Service Council for Wolfville and vicinity.

In preparation for such an undertaking, Rev. H. R. Grant, the Secretary of the Provincial Council, visited Wolfville and on Sunday delivered powerful addresses—in the Baptist church at 11 o'clock and in the Presbyterian church at 7. Dr. Grant asserted that it was important that the poor should have the gospel preached to them and equally important that the sick should be cured, the hungry fed, the suffering ministered to. He set forth plainly the truth that to be a Christian was to be Christ-like, and urged that his hearers should exert their influence in the direction of better conditions for the young, the prisoners in our jails, and society generally.

On Monday morning Dr. Grant addressed the students at the Chapel Service in College Hall and in the afternoon at 4 o'clock spoke to a large gathering of women in the Baptist church.

At the meeting on Monday evening, Rev. G. W. Miller was elected chairman and Prof. Sutherland secretary. After prayer by Rev. Dr. MacDonald the chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting and called upon Rev. Dr. Grant, who gave a most informing address on the work of Social Service, and urged that the people of Wolfville should unite for effective work in the community and throughout the province.

Short addresses were made by other gentlemen and it was moved by Rev. Dr. MacDonald, seconded by Rev. R. F. Dixon, and unanimously carried, that the meeting approves of the formation of a Social Service Council in Wolfville.

Mr. L. E. Shaw was appointed provisional president, and Prof. Sutherland provisional secretary. All the various organizations in Wolfville and vicinity will be invited to send representatives to a subsequent meeting at which, it is hoped, a strong and enthusiastic Council may be formed.

There are undoubtedly many lines of activity open to such an organization and we confidently believe that our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to do telling work in the interest of righteousness and good citizenship.

Plantfood Mixtures That Should Not Be Made

Fertilizers should never be mixed with manure, because such a mixture tends to let loose some of the nitrogen in the form of ammonia of both the manure and the fertilizers. Acid phosphate can be applied to manure at the rate of 50 lbs. to the ton of manure with great profit to the farmer. Best results can be obtained by applying manure and fertilizers separately. Never mix fertilizers with lime or ashes, or lime itself. A mixture with lime or ashes, tends to change the soluble phosphoric acid of the fertilizer back to the slowly available or unavailable form.

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Wolfville's Hospital Plan

MEETS WITH POPULAR FAVOR.

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN:

Dear Sir,—I have been reading with real interest your articles in support of a Cottage Hospital in Wolfville. I believe it would be a most fitting memorial to our fallen heroes, illustrating, as it would, the principle of service—for which they gave their lives. The idea of one County Hospital, which I was at one time inclined to favour, I now regard as much inferior to the proposition of two hospitals, one in the west and the other in the east end of the county. Wolfville is an ideal location for such an institution, and I feel sure that the surrounding section would gladly assist in the undertaking if arrangements could be made by which they might enjoy the privileges of having an efficient hospital so near at hand. While I have no authority for saying so I believe Port Williams would gladly assist in the matter.

ONE INTERESTED.
Port Williams, Feb., 24th, 1920.

G. W. V. A.

Do you know that the Great War Veterans Association had 167 local branches in February 1919. Today, one year later, it has 761 branches, an increase of 594.

The services of the Association, either local, provincial or Dominion, are free to all returned men and dependants.

Several million dollars have been recovered by the Association in pay, pension, and other claims.

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Hundreds of thousands of dollars are invested in G. W. V. A. premises throughout Canada.

Ladies Auxiliaries to the Great War Veterans Association have an estimated strength of over one hundred thousand members. The G. W. V. A. has an approximate membership of a quarter of a million.

There is being operated in the United States at the present time 230,000 miles of railroad. The mileage which they cover if stretched about the earth would belt the globe 9 times. The total mileage for the whole world is about 700,000. All of Europe has 215,140 miles. The United States and Canada together have almost half the total mileage of the world, and as much as all of Europe and Asia combined.

When preparing for your next Bridge Party get your Tally Cards at the ACADIAN store.

Wolfville Board of Trade

MAY AGAIN BE ACTIVE FACTOR FOR TOWN'S PROGRESS

There is some talk of an effort being put forth to reorganize the Wolfville Board of Trade. This organization in the past has been a most useful instrument in the development of public affairs and might again be made of real value for the town's advancement. It will require, however, that our business men give their time and energy and sometimes be willing to sacrifice their personal interests and pleasures.

The effort required will, doubtless, be found well worth while. Just now, in these reconstruction days, the need of a live organization in which our citizens might get-together and consider means of advancing local conditions is most imperative. If the agitation for an Old Home Summer is to be a success and Wolfville is to be ready to take full advantage of it, much work on the part of such an organization as the Board of Trade will be necessary.

In numerous ways a live Board of Trade will be useful in promoting community interests many of which must be apparent to the observing citizens. More unity of purpose among our business men and citizens generally and a greater interest in public affairs might mean much for our town at this time.

The Musical Opportunity of the Year

Much interest is being evinced in the Recital to be given by Miss Dilling, pianist, College Hall, Tuesday evening, March 2. The very flattering notices of her work which have appeared in the leading American papers, the fact that she has appeared with such famous artists as Guilbert, Alda, Hempel, Gluck, the extremely interesting programme which she will present indicate a concert of a high order. Miss Dilling will be assisted by Miss Stephens, Soprano, Miss Nelson, Violinist and Miss Key, Reader. The seats which may be obtained at Rand's are popularly priced. Do not miss this great Musical Treat.

Hockey Notes.

The Mt. A.—Acadia game at the rink here on Thursday evening last was not witnessed by a large number of spectators owing to the very disagreeable state of the weather. The score resulted in a win for the latter team by a score of 11-5. The ice was in bad condition which made the play rather slow. The visitors were outclassed and would have been more badly beaten had it not been for the excellent work of the goalkeeper. Beardsly starred for the home team and scored 5 of the 11 goals scored.



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