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Ladies Assisting Society

ONE has said that the philanthropic activity among the women of Canada is greater than that to be found among the women of any other country. When we consider our own city we find that the women of Chatham are in no wise less active than their Canadian sisters in helping those less fortunate than themselves, for they have always been found ready and cheerfully willing to assist in every good work.

From the inception of the scheme for establishing a General Hospital,

How the Women of Chatham aided its Principal Charity.

secretary being Miss Kate McColl and the treasurer, Mrs. George T. McKeough. As this was the Jubilee year the ladies undertook, as their special work, the erection of a Queen's Jubilee Memorial which took the form of a Nurses' Home. In the early days of the hospital accommodation for the nurses was found in the main building, but the work and usefulness of the institution had grown to such an extent that the nurses were crowded out, and forced to find accommodation in various private residences nearby. Recognizing the fact that the nurses in their arduous and fatiguing

Growth of a Single Idea

TO TELL THE STORY of this edition but few words are needed. Two weeks ago to-day the writer met Mr. Hunter, of Hunter and Crossley, on King Street.

The idea of interesting the women of Chatham in a scheme, intended to aid the funds of a deserving charity, had been suggested by the story told by Mr. Malcolmson, of the work, and destiny, and needs of the Public General Hospital.

"Would you and Mr. Crossley undertake, with the assistance of the Ladies' Assisting Society, to get out an issue of The Chatham Banner-News?"

Without a moment's hesitation Mr. Hunter said, "We would." This was encouraging, and Mr. Malcolmson was seen. He conveyed the suggestion to the officers of the Ladies' Assisting Society. After a conference with Mrs. S. T. Martin, Mrs. S. E. Gardiner and Mrs. W. A. Thrasher and Mr. Woodward, it was decided to present the matter at a meeting of the Society.

On Monday, March 25th, Mr. Woodward and the writer met the members of the Society at the home of Mrs. G. G. Taylor, and briefly outlined the plan.

After some natural humility in facing a scheme of this character, and of such magnitude, the ladies by a standing vote unanimously decided to undertake the project.

The Banner-News proposition was to reserve 1,700 copies for its subscribers and give to the ladies 3,300 copies for sale at 3 cents a copy; to give them the entire proceeds of all special advertising; they to pay the Banner-News the actual expenses of issuing the edition.

With a will the ladies went to work. A room in the Victoria Block was donated by the executors of the Garner Estate, a telephone was secured from the Bell Telephone Company, a rate card was struck off, and a complete business and editorial staff was appointed.

The results are apparent in this issue. It is not expected that the Banner-News will tell the merit of this production. That may fairly be left to its readers, and critics.

Suffice it to say, that without an exception this effort is the product of the women of Chatham, all produced under the editorial management and control of Messrs. Hunter and Crossley, and Mrs. E. W. Seave.

Managing the business end of the venture was Mrs. S. T. Martin, whose conservatism and shrewdness contributed much to the success of the venture.

The advertising department has had an executive head, of whose services any business might be proud, in Mrs. C. C. Greening. Several hundred dollars have been added to the funds of the Society. It is safe to say that the ladies have made more out of this one combined effort than they made during the whole year of 1900.

In contributing to this splendid result, Mr. Woodward and the writer owe a debt of gratitude to the faithful employees of the editorial and mechanical departments of the Banner-News. The experimental features of this work were a credit to G. Shepherd, the news foreman, and J. P. Martin, the pressman.

[A. T. MACDONALD.]

How this Edition of The Banner-News was Produced.

"The Dance"

A Verbatim Report of Last Night's Sermon by Messrs. Hunter and Crossley.

THE PARK STREET METHODIST

church was crowded to its capacity Wednesday evening by an audience eager to hear Messrs. Crossley and Hunter give their views of the dance. Those who attended were rewarded by the hearing of two powerful addresses in which the points were well brought out, and which gave the upholders of the dance much food for reflection. Following we give a pretty full synopsis of the addresses:

Rev. Mr. Hunter said:—There are three things you should look out for. They all begin with D.

1. Look out for debt. Some of you have been there. It tears up the carpets. It throws out the piano. There are a good many broken-hearted people because they are bound hand and foot with debt.

2. Look out for the next D, the devil. If he calls at your place tell him you are not receiving visitors to-day, and shut the door in his face.

3. The next D is the dance. I am going to give you first a lady's ten reasons why she does not dance.

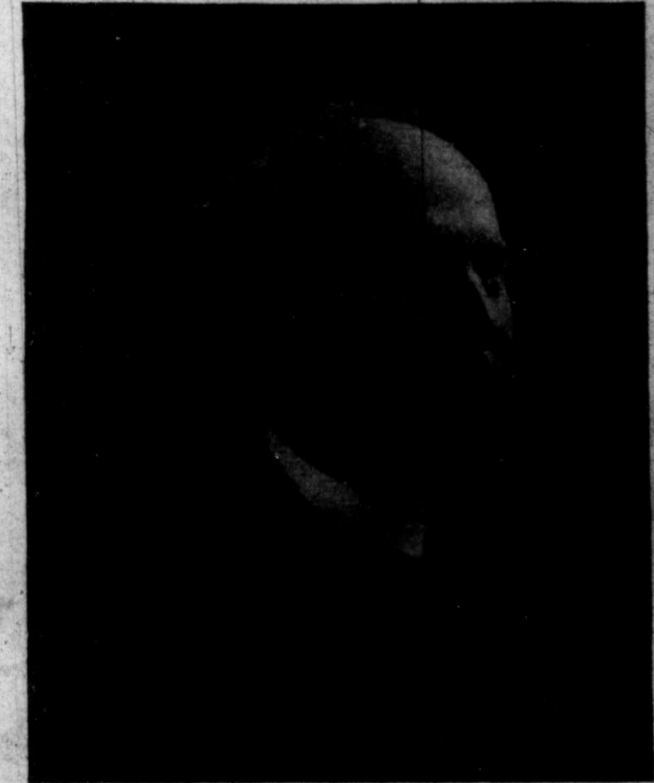
1st. Dancing will lead me into crowded rooms and late hours, which are injurious to health and life.

2nd. It will lead me into very close contact with perilous company; and evil companions corrupt good manners.

3rd. Dancing will allow me to use and permit freedoms with the other sex of which I would be ashamed under other circumstances, and which I believe to be wrong.

4th. My parents and friends would be anxious if I were out late in company with them who know not whom.

5th. Ministers and good people in general disapprove of dancing, and I don't think it is wise to set myself against them.



REV. M. T. CROSSLEY.

Psalm cxliv., 3, "Let them praise His name in the dance." Did you ever see a man or a woman who do not praise the name of the Lord in the modern dance? In Eccl. 3:4 "A time to dance." The Bible also says there is a time to kill. Go and kill somebody and see how you get along. This is not a commandment nor a permission. It is a mere declaration. If there is a time to dance I want to know when it is, whether it is at a funeral,



MRS. S. T. MARTIN, President Ladies' Assisting Society of Public General Hospital, 1899, 1900, 1901.

6th. Dancing has a bad name, and I want to study things that are pure, and of good report.

7th. Dancing is generally accompanied by drinking, which causes a great deal of evil.

8th. It is a great temptation for young men, and I do not wish to have anything to do with leading them astray.



THE LATE DR. MCCOLL.

whether it is when my child is at the point of death, whether in Lent or out of Lent. There is no more similarity between the religious dance of the Bible and the modern dance than there is between the Lord's Supper and a drunken revel.



THE LATE MRS. GARNER.

than to send her girl to be taught to dance. She may yet shed tears of blood over a fallen daughter. The next passage I call to your attention is Matt. xiv., 6, 12, which refers to the daughter of Herodias dancing before Herod, who promised to give her what she asked for, and her mother told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist. This dance cost the head of one of the best preachers that ever lived, but many have lost their souls through the modern dance.



REV. AND MRS. J. E. HUNTER, MAYBELL, ETHEL, AND ERNEST CROSSLEY HUNTER.

9th. Dancing unites the mind for serious reflection and prayer, and I mean to do nothing that will estrange me from my God and Saviour.

10th. There are plenty of graceful exercises and cheerful amusements which have none of the objections that there are against dancing.

11th. Consider now the religious dance of the Bible See Exodus xv., 20. The women danced together. You cannot find a case in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation where the sexes danced together. Nor can you find it in the heathen world. I have seen the Indians in their wardances, the men dancing alone and the women dancing alone.

12th. In 2nd Samuel vi., 14, "David danced before the Lord with all his might."

13th. Talmaze says in his dance before the devil with all their might.

Another passage, Luke xv., 25, refers to the return of the prodigal. Some people say, "Does not the Bible encourage dancing?" The Bible says we are to abstain from the appearance of evil. It says further, that in eating or drinking, and whatever we do we are to do all to the glory of God. Can

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The local and foreign news features of this edition will be found on pages 9, 12, 13 and 16.

Pages 10, 11, 14 and 15 will also interest you.



PUBLIC GENERAL HOSPITAL.

the ladies of Chatham showed a marked interest in the undertaking and aided the members of the Board, by being present at all the meetings, and by showing in many ways their sympathy and support.

In 1893, however, it was thought that the ladies would be free to act and better able to accomplish results more satisfactory to themselves were they to organize. The members of the Board thought the plan an excellent one, and a meeting was held for February 21st, in Harrison Hall was largely attended. The Ladies' Assisting Society was then organized with the purpose of raising money to be spent in making the

duties required more seclusion and more home comforts, the Ladies' Assisting Society went to work with unflagging enthusiasm and so successful were they that, though the Home project was first mooted in March, the building was completed and formally opened on September 2nd. Best of all within two years the memorial, this beautiful home for nurses, was paid for at a cost of \$1400. The money was raised by means of various schemes; Mite collections, lawn parties, graduation exercises, bazaars, automobile excursions, benefit concerts, teas and "At Home."

In 1899 Mrs. S. T. Martin was



A VIEW OF KING STREET, LOOKING WEST FROM THE BIG CLOCK.

hospital a more comfortable home for our sick. The officers elected were:

President, Mrs. Garner.
Vice President, Mrs. S. M. Jarvis.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. T. Martin.
Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Gardiner.

Secretary, Mrs. George T. McKeough.

The Mite System of collecting money was adopted and the end of the year showed a paid membership of 51, and the amount collected \$1,188.13.

In the second year of its existence the Ladies' Assisting Society had a membership of 82. The Mite System was dropped and the total amount collected in 1894 by means of entertainments and birthday bags was \$224.12. In 1895 the membership had dropped to 21. Taking into the Mite Syst. again the sum of \$69.09 was collected. During the year 1896 the membership increased to 102. The money received was privately from membership fees and private subscriptions and amounted to \$39.92.

In 1897 the late Mrs. Garner retired from the Presidency and the society elected President and is now, in 1901, entering upon her third term of office. The work that appertained especially to the ladies, after the completion of the Nurses' Home, was



NURSES' HOME

the purchase of sterilizers for use in the new operating room. After gathering information from all quarters and consulting competent judges, the ladies ordered sterilizers from the King-Scheerer Company, of New York. On February

3rd, 1900, these were placed ready for use at a cost of \$900 which sum has been paid in full. The new sterilizers consist of four pieces, one for hot, another for cold water, one for instruments and another for dressing.

They are thoroughly scientific in their equipment and, with their white frames and silver mountings, are an ornament, as well as a necessity to this modern operating room.

In July, 1899, by subscriptions raised by Mesdames Gardiner and Fleming a water bed was purchased for the use of Mr. Buchanan, the young German who was so terribly injured on the railroad track. The water bed greatly alleviated the sufferings of this poor fellow, a helpless stranger in a foreign land, who was unable to speak or understand the language of those about him. More was eagerly contributed and the surplus amount, \$10.30, was spent in purchasing luxuries for Buchanan.

Among the special efforts put forth for raising money since 1899 may be mentioned the amount of \$68.00 collected by Mesdames Martin and Campbell and the "Hospital year"

scheme, suggested by Miss Edith Holmes, by which the amount of \$130.05 was raised.

During the eight years of its existence the Ladies' Assisting Society has raised \$427.86. In connection with bazaars, entertainments, etc., \$444.75 was paid out and the balance \$1,183.26 has been spent in furthering the work of the Public General Hospital.

The Ladies' Assisting Society is grateful to the "Brooke Circle" of King's Daughters for the numberless ways in which they have helped the hospital. A glance at the annual report gives but a faint idea of all that the "Brooke Circle" has done.

The donations, including Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings, have been most generous and the ladies wish to thank the very many friends who have remembered not only the sick and suffering ones, but also those noble women, the nurses. With gratitude for what they have been enabled to accomplish in the past, the Ladies' Assisting Society is looking forward to a future of busy usefulness in this corner of the Master's Vineyard.

EFFIE LAFFERTY.