

ANNUAL MEETING OF BRANT CHAPTER I.O.D.E.; THE WORK DONE

Report Presented Shows Immense Amount of Help Rendered to the Boys in Khaki by This Excellent Institution—Record of Necessaries and Comforts Sent to the Trenches.

The annual meeting of Brant Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the residence of Mrs. Harry Cookshut. The reports were received of the regent and the honorary secretary as well as the financial statement.

The work done for the men at the front is set down in detail and it will be seen upon reading the reports what a tremendous amount of effective aid has been rendered by the I.O.D.E. to the men at, or going to the front, and also to the Brant Sanatorium.

REGENT'S ADDRESS.
To the Officers and Members of Brant Chapter I.O.D.E.

In reviewing the year's work it is most gratifying to note all that has been accomplished and the increase in activity of the Chapter in every way, larger membership, greater work and increased bank account; and although this last year has been the saddest and most depressing in the history of the I.O.D.E., yet have we for the response to all appeals for assistance of any kind been spontaneous and generous. The hearts of the women of Canada are united and ready to respond to their country's need when danger threatens their beloved Empire.

The benefit of this daily sacrifice must also be great and must surely teach us more and more to put "first things first."

A good many years ago I was once asked by a man in Toronto "of what use are the Daughters of the Empire," and I confess I was not quite ready to answer his question satisfactorily, because, at that time, the object of an educational and patriotic line, than practical, and it seemed hard to explain just what we did do; also, that which seemed a lot in the Constitution which we would never need to put into practice, such as, caring for the dependent of soldiers in war times, erecting monuments to fallen heroes, and such on; but now we all know how much on; and every word of the Order are still patriotic, they are also practical to a degree, and I do not think any of us now, would have difficulty in answering the question, "What do the Daughters of the Empire do?"

I will not attempt to give in detail the work we have done through the year; but I will leave to the Secretary and Treasurer, who have splendidly reported, the present, but I will just briefly mention one or two things.

FIELD KITCHEN FOR 36TH.
Our first large undertaking was the raising of money for two Field Kitchens for the 36th Battalion. Although it seemed a stupendous work, the magnificent response to our appeal through the newspapers and the special way in which we were assisted in no time the required amount was subscribed, and the Field Kitchens presented to Colonel Ashton at the home of Mrs. J. L. Waterous who kindly placed her house and grounds at the disposal of the Chapter.

THE TEA ROOM.
Another large undertaking was the running of a Tea Room for two weeks, which succeeded beyond our fondest expectations. It was not only a success financially, but in many other ways, bringing as it did every member of the Chapter into the work and the harmonious and cheerful way in which every one co-operated to make the tea a success, we can never sufficiently thank Mr. Crompton and Mr. Ramsay for the generous way in which they assisted us.

HAMBURG CONCERT.
December seemed to be our lucky month, for in addition to all we made at our tea room, the proceeds of the Hamburg concert, kindly arranged by the officers of the 84th Battalion, C. E. F. were given to our chapter. To Colonel Stewart and his officers, we are also much indebted.

This report is that there be more general discussion of the affairs of the Chapter at our meetings. If you have good suggestions to make in regard to our work, do not hesitate to bring them before the Chapter. They may not always be adopted but an exchange of ideas is sure to be interesting and lessens the presiding officer's work.

I feel that every one has helped us so wonderfully in our work that I would take pains to acknowledge all indebtedness, but I wish to take this opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the executive every one who has in any way assisted us and I also desire to personally thank the executive and members of the Chapter for your hearty co-operation, splendid loyalty and kindness to myself.

MORE STILL TO DO.
Now, while we have, perhaps, done good work in the past, we must not rest content but go on to still better things, for I feel sure that every member of this chapter will, in time, give unstintingly of her time, her strength and her means, and let our constant prayer be that an honourable peace and victory may soon be ours, and that our Empire may prosper in this awful struggle nobler and better in every way than it has ever been before.

RECORD OF MARCH.
In March of that year, thanks to the proceeds of Mrs. H. Spence, \$70 was raised for the purpose of installing a grate at the Sanatorium—the installation of which added much to the comfort and cheeriness of the patients at that point. Felt shoes were also added to our list of necessities, and an additional \$725 was added to our special Sanatorium account, thanks to another talent tea, for which Mr. Ed. Cookshut, who kindly placed his home at our disposal. An additional \$700 worth of wool was purchased for our knitters and the day of meeting for the Chapter was changed from the 1st to the 3rd Monday of each month to better suit the convenience of our members.

SHIPMENTS TO FRANCE.
In April last a large shipment of socks, wristlets and handkerchiefs was sent off to France, in addition to sending pillows, pillow slips and sheeting to the University Base to help equip the University Base Hospital, then situated at the University. In April, also, plans were put under way to raise funds for the purchasing of two field kitchens for the 36th Battalion.

APRIL AND MAY.
In May light weight caps were purchased and sent out to the men patients at the San. and a shipment of the men of his battalion, who were then in training at Niagara camp. In May also, Brant Chapter, affiliated with the W. H. A. and their much pleasure in assisting them with their "Rose Day" appeal for funds to carry on their work at the Brantford General Hospital.

BRANT CHAPTER COTS.
In June, two cots, curtains, kitchen utensils, cups and saucers, were purchased by Brant Chapter for the Sanatorium, also being forwarded to England that month, for the endowment of two cots at Clivedon Hospital to be known as "Brant Chapter cots." Headed by Brant Chapter's donation of \$200, and assisted by both Expositor and Courier, in addition to the civic authorities, sufficient funds were now on hand to make the purchase of the formal presentation of a cheque covering purchase price of same, together with an address, was made to Col. E. C. Ashton and his officers, at the home of Mrs. Julius E. Waterous, which proved one of the happy events of the year.

The Brantford General Hospital, Brant Sanatorium and the military hospital at Niagara on the Lake were all generously supplied with magazines.

INTERCESSORY SERVICES.
Through July and August monthly meetings were discontinued, though our members were busy with their knitting as usual, and on August 4th, Brant Chapter had the privilege of taking the initiative and arranging the intercessory services held at the Armories that night, the Rev. Mr. Lester and the Boy Scouts, giving us valuable assistance in the disposing of souvenir badges for the occasion, which, together with the silver collection taken at the door, netted upon

division \$50 to each of the Brantford Chapters of the I. O. D. E., in addition to the Boy Scouts, all of which was turned in to the machine gun fund.

1,400 PARCELS FORWARDED.
In October, \$50 was voted to be expended on gifts for the Brantford men at the front. 1,400 individual parcels being shipped to France, through the Canadian Field Comforts Commission at Shorecliffe, England, in addition to 72 barrels of fruit which were also shipped to our soldiers this month.

HELPED BY 84TH.
In December we were indebted to Col. Stewart and officers of the 84th Battalion for the Hamburg concert, proceeds of which they turned over as a gift to Brant Chapter—a cheque for \$248.85, reaching our Treasurer, thanks to the above, in December. Also Crompton's Tea Rooms were taken over by the Chapter for two weeks and were most generously patronized by Brantfordites generally. From them we realized \$522.05, and materially our Sanatorium and Patriotic work. \$25.00 was sent to the Local Council of Women to assist the National Service Committee, Magazines and reading matter were donated to the reading rooms of the 84th, and at our suggestion, cables were sent on the 23rd of December, conveying Xmas Greetings from our members to the various Brantford Chapters Overseas.

PTE. BLOXHAM HONORED.
In January, presentation and address were given to Pte. Bloxham in recognition of his having been much coveted "D.C.M." One hundred pair of socks were given to Col. Cutcliffe as a New Year's gift for the men of the 188th, and a cheque for \$100.00 sent through the National Treasurer of the I. O. D. E. at Toronto, to equip five rooms at the I. O. D. E. Annex to King George and Queen Mary Hospital, London, England, where Canadian soldiers will make their headquarters when on furlough in London.

The visit of the Australian Cadets to Brantford on January 6th and 7th 1916, turned another \$45.15 into our Treasury, Mr. D. W. Williamson and Mr. Orpen, asking if the National Council be given under the Patronage of our Chapter, our Regent calling a Committee to discuss the question with these gentlemen, when it was decided to ask the other Chapters to unite with us, so all combined in making the evening a success, each Chapter sharing alike with regard to the amount turned in.

Our membership now stands at 125 (all in good standing) with still a waiting list of two or three names. We lost a valued member through the death of Miss Cecilia Chapman, the daughter of Brantford, the names of Miss Dorothy Wilkes (Mrs. Ames of Cobalt) and Miss Miss Marjorie Wilkes (Mrs. Armstrong of London, England) and Miss McQuinnay now of Toronto, have also been regretfully dropped from our books.

TREASURER'S REPORT.
Sanatorium Fund, or Special Account Receipts
Tea at Mrs. J. H. Spence's, \$ 76.00
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Australian Cadets, 45.15
Committee, 5.00
Interest, 5.00

TREASURER'S REPORT.
General Accounts—Receipts, 1915
Fees, 57.00
Life membership, 13.75
Magazine and war literature, 7.50
Donations, 7.50
Badges, 12.95
Field Kitchen Fund, 812.00
234.25
Australian Cadets, 45.15
Tea Room, 45.15
Interest, 7.40
Socks, 4.60
Wool, 45.54
Intercessory services, 50.30

EXPENDITURES.
General Account.
Secretary-Treasurer's supplies, 3.35
Postal Cards, \$19.50
Stationery (Toronto), 1.92
Stamps, 3.14
Minute Book, .60
File, .75
Printing, 4.50
Wool, 221.39
War literature, 3.85
Expenses on 1914 Account (P. H. Secord & Sons), 1.50
Fees to head office (114), 28.40
Prayers, .85
Two field kitchens for 36th Battalion, 900.00

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The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. McCARDELL

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Arthur was badly injured, how badly Durand surmised at his first superficial examination. But Durand had also surmised that his patient's youth and strong constitution would enable him to stand a hurried journey to Los Angeles ere the reaction from shock set in. Then, too, a daring scheme was already formulating in

But the diamond from the sky? Of all the world, Marmaduke Smythe is unmoved by its powers for good or ill. Whether it be helpful to those who have no claim or right to it or whether it be truly a charm against harm for Stanley's of the blood means and matters nothing to Marmaduke Smythe. He feels it his duty to surrender it to the Stanley heir, but meanwhile it is a responsibility he does not deem devolves upon him. He will be rid of it.

He halts by a signpost that reads, "Twenty Miles to Mammoth." He mops his brow and thinks, and truly, it's a long, long twenty miles that he has come, bearing with him by its shawl strap handle the deer head that he bought at the auction at Stanley hall. Personally the deer head is far more to Marmaduke Smythe than the diamond from the sky.

Some thirty feet from the road, in a straight line with the signpost, is a great live oak tree. In its trunk a hole is hollowed. Smythe hides the diamond in this hole and makes a careful memorandum of the hiding place and nearby landmarks and his paced measurement to the road and signboard. Then he goes his way.

His way leads him to where two children—Toodles and Polly—come toddling down the road with their dolls and playthings. A glass of milk would refresh him, Smythe thinks. The children indicate their doorway, the gaunt but kindly stranger, and truly, the Smythe makes his way and is regaled with milk and bread and butter and honey by the rancher's kindly wife, the mother of Toodles and Polly, the little children.

The children go down the road to play "house," as is their custom, beneath the live oak. "Toodles finds the glistening bauble. She is a girl child. She knows it is a necklace, and with cries of appreciation and delight, she seizes it and hangs it around her doll's neck. Immediately her little sister Polly demands it, nay, even grasps it. A slap, a scream, and Toodles jerks away the necklace and walks indignantly away, with both her doll and her treasure. While little Polly patters down the road to run home and tell mamma.

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to aid him in running and caring for the great car, Durand departed from Mammoth with his still unconscious patient swathed in blankets.

When Esther had recovered herself the improvised automobile ambulance was gone. Esther knew nothing of Durand save what Peter Huff could tell her in answer to her frantic inquiries. "He's a doctor, kid. That's all I know," Mr. Huff had replied. "He's a big doctor, too, and an old friend of your friend, Mr. Powell. At least, he's your friend, Mr. Powell. You ought to be thankful. Doc Durand told me Mr. Powell wouldn't have a chance for his life unless he was taken to a hospital at once and operated on."

There were tears in Kansas Em's worldly wise eyes at Esther's sorrow and distress.

"If you're not satisfied you go follow them," Em whispered. "Have you any money, pet?"

"Yes, thank you," murmured Esther. "I have quite enough money. I will have Quabba here get our horses from

the stable, and we will ride to the station and take the first train to Los Angeles."

"You will think sometimes of me, won't you?" asked Kansas Em huskily. "Here is the prayer that it was in 1877."

"No," said Esther. "I don't think any one knows it. There seemed to be a concealed secret spring that was touched."

A secret spring was touched in the sinful breast of Kansas Em. "Your mother put it there when you were a baby," she murmured. "I know it. I felt it. There is a faint perfume like lavender about it. A mother's prayer!" She sobbed as she took the paper from her bosom, where she had thrust it when the fight had begun in the dance hall.

"Even a sinner like I am is made the better by it," continued Em. "And will you pray for me?"

"Always," said Esther brokenly as she took the crumpled paper, with its faint, vague, old time perfume. Then Esther put her arms around the outcast older woman and kissed her in token of pity and gratitude.

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injure herself quite badly, is recovering. Mr. N. Wingrove's family are all sick at present with very bad colds. Rev. C. R. Morrow of Hamilton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Crabb one day this week. Mr. Archie Thompson spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Robertson of Brantford.

VANESSA
(From Our Own Correspondent)
Mrs. J. P. Henry has returned home from her visit in Waterford. Charles Crane went through an operation on Sunday, which proved successful. Congratulations to Mr. Wilton Honey and bride. Miss Lena Walker is very sick at the time of writing. Mrs. Johnstone of Scotland spent a few days with Ed. and Letta Walker. Ida and Mary and Allen Bloomfield spent Sunday with Oscar and Mrs. Good. George and Mrs. Lutes and family of Hartford spent Sunday with John and Mrs. Lutes. Miss Nellie and Gertrude Ripley spent Thursday with the Misses Arthurs at Kelvin. A number from here attended the party at John Watson's last Tuesday evening. All report a good time. James and Mrs. Mitchener spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ripley. The Austrians report capturing an advanced Italian position some six miles northeast of Durazzo, and to have approached the enemy lines.

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