

Military Encampment was decided upon as a suitable way of raising a good fund as a nucleus for the desired museum and also for the purchase of historical relics, and for use in any way decided upon by the Society. Mrs. Sanford finding it impossible to give the necessary time for the work, resigned her position, and, reversing the usual order of proceedings, instead of receiving a presentation, she presented the Ladies' Committee with one hundred dollars. At the next meeting she was unanimously elected Honorary President, and Mrs. Calder was made President, a fitting tribute to her as grand-daughter of James Gage, upon whose farm the Battle of Stoney Creek was fought, and also because of the interest and liberality she had shown in and to the Historical Society. The handsome banner she presented them, when exhibited at the World's Fair, made the Wentworth Historical Society of Hamilton known all over the continent of North America and also in Europe. I speak from personal knowledge; it is not a case of somebody said, somebody heard, somebody thought. It was alluded to by the press of the North, South, East and West, besides being much talked about by visitors to the fair.

Mrs. Calder has thrown all her energy, of which she has an ample supply, into the work of this Encampment, and much of its success is due to her untiring efforts and never flagging zeal. And she has been ably seconded by the ladies of the Committee. They have worked together cordially and heartily: personal feelings and preferences have been yielded up for the general good. It is pleasant to be able to affirm, that from first to last everything has worked along harmoniously; obstacles have been cheerfully met, apparent disappointments have been cheerfully encountered, and all the ladies have proved their intention to do their part towards making the proposed entertainment a grand success. As one who has seen the ins and outs of all the work, I can honestly say, I doubt if any undertaking, great or small, ever had a more united band of workers. Every committee or society must have a clever and capable head, to plan and adapt everything; no matter how well each member does her part, the head must be able to grasp all details, and see exactly how each and every division acts on its neighbor and on the whole affair. I am sure the Ladies' Committee will bear me out in saying, that Mrs. Calder has proved herself to be the right one in the right place. She has spared neither time, labor nor money to make the Encampment a grand financial success. Mr. Calder has also taken a warm and active interest in everything pertaining to the Committee, and his aid has been cheerfully and generously given wherever it was needed. My own work has been greatly lightened by his kindness in having anything possible done by his type-writer for me.