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Women's Patriotic Association Meeting

Lady Davidson's Farewell. The W. P. A. annual meeting, held on Saturday afternoon in the Green-fall Hall was very largely attended.

The President's Address. This is the fourth annual meeting and we will follow our usual custom of first presenting to you the reports of the various branches of work done during the past year.

I will not waste time in dwelling on this now, as when you have heard the reports, you can judge for yourselves, and may also be justly proud of your share in its production.

I have now been in Newfoundland for very nearly five years, and I have travelled all round the Colony, stopping at the majority of the Outposts, and the most striking feature is the bits of old Devonshire and old Dorsetshire or old Ireland, that one finds settled down here and there, quite unchanged; and the charming pride they retain of their old far away homes in the Mother Country.

Now that your men have done so much for the honour and glory of Newfoundland, it behoves the women to continue to do their part. I do not desire you for one instant to imagine that I think the women of Newfoundland have not done their patriotic duty.

In presenting the third annual report of the Women's Patriotic Association, I beg to say that it is necessarily somewhat incomplete. I undertook the office of Secretary in January last, only, and was therefore not in touch with the happenings of the previous three months.

The obligations and responsibilities of a large organization like this, bear heavily upon all its officers, but my early struggles with the duties of Secretary were materially lessened by the excellent system and the business-like efficiency with which the work had been conducted by my predecessor in office, Mrs. Cluny Macpherson, to whom the Association owes its most grateful thanks.

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districts have been formed, and new members enrolled, especially in the department of Red Cross Work, for which it has been found necessary to have a special Secretary.

During these three years of war the Women's Patriotic Association has provided for the use of our soldiers and sailors an immense quantity of shirts and socks of excellent quality and beautiful workmanship, which have never failed to elicit the unqualified admiration of all the Societies overseas that have handled them.

For sometime past the entire output of shirts has been sent to our own men, together with 2,000 pairs of socks per month, any surplus of socks and the bulk of our Hospital supplies going to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. One branch "Vigornia," sends its output of Red Cross Work to the St. John Ambulance Association.

On arrival in England our shipments are, for the most part, taken in charge by the Newfoundland War Contingent Association. This Society has assumed the task of distributing comforts to our men, thereby making it an assured fact that they are adequately supplied.

The Newfoundland War Contingent Association has a Committee for regularly visiting our sick and wounded, and our men on leave. It looks after their welfare in every particular, even to providing recreation for them, and through its generosity and foresight the Newfoundland prisoners of war in Germany are now regularly supplied with weekly parcels of food and other necessities.

During the last few months the W. P. A. has considerably extended its appeal for funds in aid of Homes of Rest, founded in memory of the Marquis de Sade, in which the wounded and invalided home from the war might recuperate.

On May the 23rd a "Tag Day" was held by the W. P. A., under the management of a very energetic and capable Committee. The handsome sum of \$3,001 was realized, which was handed to the Imperial Red Cross Fund.

Several other minor activities have been undertaken and successfully carried through, but our great work, the Monument to our year's industry, so to speak, upon which we may be permitted to look with special pride, has been our share in the establishment of a Convalescent Hospital for sick and wounded soldiers and sailors, an institution for which it was felt there had long been a serious need.

many other kind friends as well, especially to Mr. G. M. Barr, for the gift of a motor car, which is a source of great pleasure to the patients and also affords an opportunity for them to qualify as chauffeurs.

The Institution is managed by a Board of Control, on which the W. P. A. is well represented, and the onerous secretarial work is most efficiently performed by our own Red Cross Secretary, Mrs. P. A. Harvey.

Under the circumstances it was impossible for us to continue using Government House as our headquarters, and the outlook appeared cheerless in the extreme. Before, however, any attempt could be made to secure other premises in which to carry on our work, Mrs. Pitts came to the rescue with the offer of the splendid house adjoining her own residence on King's Bridge Road.

As the war goes on there will be increasing demands upon our resources, which are just now at a very low ebb. I trust that the appeal for funds which was one of Lady Davidson's last official acts, will meet with that cheerful generosity with which Newfoundland has responded to every Patriotic call.

Although our energies seem fully occupied at present with the work in hand—that of furnishing our troops with comforts and hospital supplies,—and although their needs are insistent and show no sign of slackening, we shall no doubt be called upon as time goes on, to interest ourselves in Patriotic Work along other lines.

The question of Child Welfare was brought recently before the citizens of St. John's, and the W. P. A. was invited to co-operate in the movement. It is not quite clear at present how this Association can forward the work, but there is no doubt that the need for action is great, and when we are called upon to help, I trust our response will be prompt and adequate.

ARMINE N. GOSLING, Hon. Secretary. TREASURER'S REPORT. At the end of the third year of this Association I beg as Honorary Treasurer to present my report.

We began on the first of September, 1916, with a balance in hand of \$7,722.44. Since then the money entrusted to us for expenditure has reached the large sum of \$32,209.69. This amount as usual has come to us from individual subscriptions in St. John's and outports and a large percentage from entertainments of various kinds, which are a most fruitful source of revenue.

work done. With increased revenue has come increased expenditure, due in great measure to the taking up of Red Cross work at Government House, and during the past year we have spent for hospital requisites the sum of \$8,600.00. In doing so we are fortunate in being able to use our money to the very best advantage from the fact that our agents in New York supply us with the best quality of material at a minimum cost.

The money spent on wool alone for St. John's and outports reached the sum of \$12,000.00. This is a very big item in our expenditure, but we do not grudge it, as our men at the front have the comfort of our excellent socks which have attracted the admiration of all who have seen them.

Our accounts have been audited by Messrs. Reid, Son and Watson, and a balance sheet signed by them is laid on the table for your inspection.

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