

INTRODUCTION.

THE Wentworth Historical Society was organized December 17th, 1888, for the purpose of perpetuating the history of the Province of Ontario and also to collect and preserve all books, etc., which relate to its history and also its relics, and to record passing events of importance with accuracy. Mr. George H. Mills has been President ever since the Society was formed, and his re-election each year proves not only that his heart is in the objects and aims of the Society, but that the members recognize his efficiency and capability for the work required of the President of a Historical Society, therefore they keep him in office. Hamilton is noted for her beautiful scenery and lovely homes, but I fear it is not as well known that she has many noteworthy historic spots in and near her. Burlington Heights and Stoney Creek played an important part in the drama of 1812.

Mr. Mills has been indefatigable in his efforts to have monuments erected at both places to commemorate the events that took place during the war of 1812. Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Militia, has promised Mr. Mills that he will do everything in his power to have the monuments erected next year. Two historic places were granted monuments this year - Beaver's Dam and Lundy's Lane. Our turn comes next. The one for Burlington Heights will be placed in Harvey Park, where it will be easy of access. In the cemetery, even if built on the old barricade, it would be lost among the many monuments, and its intended effect as a historical lesson to the children and youth of our city would be destroyed.

Next the Historical Society planned to found a museum for the preservation of the historical relics now becoming scattered and lost. The original idea was to put up a building for this purpose at Harvey Park, and the ladies were asked to form an auxiliary to assist them in the matter. A meeting was called last spring, at which a large number of ladies were present. A society was formed to be called the Ladies' Committee of the Wentworth Historical Society, its object being to assist the Wentworth Historical Society in their various undertakings. The membership fee of fifty cents a year makes each lady a member of the Historical Society also, and the President of the Ladies' Committee will be Vice-President of the other society. Mrs. Senator Sanford was elected President, and this

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