

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

Y. W. C. A. Second Annual Meeting

Reports Show Splendid Work Accomplished by the Organization — Officers Elected and Interesting Addresses Heard.

The reports submitted at the second annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association held last evening in the rooms on King street will show that already a splendid work had been accomplished by this organization and that plans are being formulated to extend and enlarge the scope of the association.

In her address last evening Mrs. John H. McAvity after referring to the home for girls which has been successfully established, made possible by the citizens of St. John, spoke of the need for an expert worker who will direct and educate along Y. W. C. A. lines. Mrs. McAvity also said that the board of directors are looking to the ladies to give the next financial support, asking them to put in their budget for the coming year understanding that the Y. W. C. A. is a necessary charity, and that there would be the privilege to make up the deficit of \$5,000 a year.

Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank the secretary gave her report which is in part as follows:

The membership has risen from 103 members to 474. Ten regular and eight special meetings of the directors. Two public meetings were addressed by Miss Jones, Miss Lean, Miss Neatby and Mrs. Phillip Warren. Envelopes were placed in the Protestant churches in June and a collection of \$48.82 taken up.

It was found necessary to appoint Miss Berwick as assistant to Miss Hoyt a work of the Travellers' Aid was too much for one person. The home has been doing very useful work and has proved a haven of safety to many a weary traveller and unprotected girl. Even with the second that home has been taxed almost beyond its capacity.

The first general secretary, Miss Neatby arrived in September, but was later obliged to return to England. It was decided to rent the building at King street for \$1,500 a year with option to buy at the end of two years for not more than \$55,000. This provides for a cafeteria, a small gymnasium, rest room, reading room and accommodation for twenty-five boarders.

With the assistance of Messrs. Barbour, Warwick and Anderson of the Y. M. C. A. a canvas for funds to equip the home was made of the business houses. Various friends assisted with successful results.

Special mention should be made of the time and thought given by the President, Mrs. McAvity to the furnishing and equipping of the Home. Mrs. Costigan and Miss Douglas have proved valuable workers.

The Home was opened March 26th with a dedicatory service and an invitation to the public to come and inspect the building.

Our Y. W. C. A. took an active part in the Conference of N. B. Leadership and Girls Work in February. The use of the rooms were given for the girls' mid-week activities and the privilege of the Y. M. C. A. swimming tank and gymnasium generously extended to us by the Y. M. C. A. was placed in the hands of the co-operative committee.

In April a personal canvas for sustaining members was made among the women of the city.

In the good works of the city, this association has tried to do its share. Our President is on the Provincial executive of the Social Service Council while members of our executive are on its local council. The use of our rooms were given to the Housewives' League for classes last summer. In the Y. M. C. A. campaign, the home to house canvass was undertaken. Through our Travellers' Aid workers assistance in many forms has been given returning soldiers' dependents. We have been fortunate in having with us Miss Saunders, Miss Jones, Miss Lean, Miss Thomas, and Miss Yeomans of the Dominion Council, who have been a strength to our young association. Miss Yeomans was in charge of the Girls Work and Leadership Classes and has begun a work which should be fostered. Gymnasium classes are full and conditions were never better for a systematic aggressive work among our girls.

A new general secretary has been applied for. Your directors realize much is yet to be done for girls and young women, and so pressing that we are undertaking it in faith that the good people of St. John will give us the financial support needed to carry it on.

Mrs. T. Somerville, the treasurer, gave her report.

Receipts \$19,067.94; disbursements, \$15,902.18; Balance \$3,765.76. Liabilities: Unpaid accounts \$4,455.10; allowance for outstanding accounts \$908.

Miss Edna Austin, for the house committee of the Travellers' Aid, stated that 1,915 beds were occupied and 3,857 meals served during the year at the Union Street Home.

Miss Hazel Clarke reported that the Travellers' Aid figures for the year were: 2,991 trains met and 2,409 persons assisted; employment found for 53 girls.

Mrs. McAvity, for the cafeteria, reported 5,357 meals and taken in 1918-19. Afternoon teas served 229, costing \$53.95. I. O. D. E. assisted 195 the teas which are now discontinued till the autumn.

For the rooming directory Mrs. W. H. Nice told of the methods employed and the difficulty of finding suitable rooms for girls. Two directories are kept, one at the King street Home, the other at Union street.

The following directors were elected:—Mrs. James F. Robertson and Mrs. T. H. Somerville (re-elected), Mrs. A. L. Brock, Miss Berta Mack

LET'S TALK IT OVER

MEDALS FOR WOMEN.

"I feel as if I had received D. S. O. was the remark made by one soldier's sister recently. She went on to explain that several of the returned men had told her how much good the women at home had done and what an inspiration they had been to the boys overseas. "I don't think you will ever know just what it meant to the men," one O. C. said, "We felt that you women at home were so steady, strong and brave, and brave too under the suspense which was something we did not have to bear. It certainly was wonderful." Another soldier added his testimony in words sincere and strictly precious in the ears of those who, though truly meant are apt to have a formal note, but evidently words right from the hearts of the men and straight from the hearts of those who, little as they may have accomplished, have yet worked to the limit of their strength and given of their very best.

"While no one worth while works for credit, still the reward of knowing for a certainty that the soldiers realized women at home did care and work for them to the best of their ability is the reward all will hold dear.

"One faithful member of a patriotic society, who has made many sacrifices of personal pleasure, money and health, was heard to say: "My next Victory Bond interest I'm just going to spend in roses for myself. I don't

think it will be wrong to treat myself. I haven't done much but I've done what I could for four years, and I do want some big red roses." Her hearers wanted to fill her arms with the biggest, reddest roses to be found in the land, and if that wish with the speaker's name could be repeated to a number of St. John men, the bunch of flowers would be too huge to be held. She is one of the many who have never refused an opportunity to do some patriotic service, tag the front of the line, among the earliest at the headquarters with household articles all performed before her start, on her little piece of land she raised good vegetables possible and an excellent cook, many a box of her goodies went overseas. Surely for such as these the simple "thank you" is well merited.

The war has taught us the necessity of united effort, the joy of giving, and the worth of little kindnesses. It will be a great loss should we forget these things. Remembering the many who have given their lives, or sacrificed prospects counting nothing too great to give in the service of country or in answer to the call of duty, surely what the women have done seems small indeed, but it was all done from the best motives and so has been accepted by the men. Now we must not slack up but keep on for there is still work for others to be accomplished, people crying out on all sides "help me, I am poor or sick or homeless or orphaned," and having shown what we can do our pride alone should keep us up to the task.

CANADIAN HEROES RETURNING HOME

Aquitania Due at Halifax Today—Second D. A. C. Coming to St. John for Demobilization—Fifteen Troops on the Ocean.

The giant liner Aquitania is due at Halifax today with a large military sailing. Among the units on board is the third section of the second divisional ammunition column, under command of Captain A. E. Router, M. C. This section will proceed from Halifax to this city, where, following a review by the commander of St. John's (Stone) church which was held yesterday afternoon took the form of a shower for the box which is being packed for an Indian school. Learning from a letter received from a missionary that the extra gifts gave great pleasure to the members of the Auxiliary determined to make the parcels which accompanied the usual outfit for the Indian scholars, in the nature of dainty presents or luxuries which would be welcome in the far west.

The members enjoyed the afternoon and it is hoped that the arrival of this particular bale at its destination will please those at the school who are accomplishing such splendid work.

Following on the heels of the Aquitania is the floating city Minnikhanda. It is reported that fifteen troops are on the sea, bound for the port of St. John. Last week saw nearly nine thousand troops from three units cleared through the port inside thirty hours.

Why Rent Soars

There are twenty million families in the United States and seventeen million dwellings. Half of these families pay rent. The other half live in homes which either are owned clear or under a mortgage.

In very few localities is the number of dwellings in excess of the number of families. Illinois has twelve hundred thousand families and one million dwellings. New York state has two million families and eleven hundred and seventy-eight thousand dwellings. In Pennsylvania the score stands: Families, 1,839,828; dwellings, 1,507,483. Ohio's 1,138,156 families live in 1,024,500 dwellings. These four are the only states that have more than 1,000,000 families.

The foregoing figures from federal statistics indicate one of the reasons why young people have difficulties in maintaining homes.

Loren, Mrs. H. W. Robertson, Mrs. A. B. Gilmore.

An inspiring address on "The Vision," was delivered by Mrs. E. E. Jamieson and views of association work in many countries were shown by Mrs. Costigan.

Votes of thanks were passed to T. H. Somerville for work on the accounts, and to Miss Lawson for the gift of the reflectoscope.

The books are open for the public to examine at any time.

NEW COMPANY AT THE LYRIC

The Popular Musical Comedy House Plays to Capacity Audiences—New Performers Are Successful Beyond Expectation.

Capacity audiences last evening greeted the Lyric Musical Stock which with a reorganized company will doubtless, judging by last evening's favorable impression, become even more popular than the one which has played to capacity audiences for the past eight months. Four members of the old company have been retained and of the new members several are recognized as old friends, notably S. C. Hurley, Tom Senna and Tom Anderson. Mr. Hurley, who is well known as a local entertainer, was particularly popular and the address, while Mr. Senna's work indicated marked ability as a comedian, and doubtless in conjunction with Mr. Burchart they will be remarkable laugh producers.

The new prima donna was something of a surprise, and not only possesses a splendid soprano voice but a good personality and the ability to sing and dance, a degree of versatility seldom found in musical comedy. Lyric patrons are anticipating some excellent entertainment during the coming weeks. The same policy of two changes weekly will be continued, with photos given away every Wednesday, and amateur night Friday.

When You Wash Wool Goods

The young housekeeper was close to tears when she ran into the kitchen of the motherly old lady next door. She had a wrinkled piece of cloth in her hand.

"Just look at this," she said, holding up the cloth. "I thought I'd wash that old blue skirt and make it over; and now look at it!"

"The mass of cloth did present a woeful appearance."

"Yes, you do have to be careful in washing woolen," said the older woman. "The greatest danger is that it will shrink or felt, the way this has. I learned that, as you did, by experience, years ago, but I also heard a woman from the New York State College of Agriculture explain a few days ago."

"The most important thing to remember," she said, "is that the temperature of the washing water, the rinsing water, and the drying room should be the same, and that only moderately warm, never boiling hot. Steaming is one cause of felting, so drying should not be done near a stove or hot pipe. Use good soap and avoid friction and hard wringing. It's better to rinse the cloth up and down in the water, rather than to rub it, and to wring by pressing rather than by twisting."

"In pressing the woolen remember

YOUR BIGGEST, BEST WORK

is done before noon. For breakfast eat two or three **Shredded Wheat Biscuits** with milk or cream and a little fruit. It supplies all the strength-giving nutriment needed for a half day's work at a cost of a few cents. Their crisp and tasty goodness is a delightful relief from heavy, greasy meats. 100 per cent whole wheat.



MADE IN CANADA

BRINGING UP FATHER.



that intense heat must be avoided. The cloth should be almost dry before you begin, and then it should be pressed with a moderately hot iron on the wrong side of the goods.

Any housewife can do a good job pressing woolen garments, if she will take pains and heed a few simple suggestions which are made by the home economics workers at the New York State College of Agriculture. These are the main things to be borne in mind, say the college workers:

Use a moderately hot iron.

Use a pressing cloth which has been wrung as dry as possible.

Place the pressing cloth on the right side of the garment and press until the cloth is dry. When the cloth is removed, the materials being pressed should look soft and fluffy, but should not be too hot.

The material should now be turned over and pressed on the wrong side until it is dry. If pressed on the right side the nap will be flattened down and the surface will appear shiny.

SEND GIFTS

The last meeting for the season of the Women's Auxiliary of St. John's (Stone) church which was held yesterday afternoon took the form of a shower for the box which is being packed for an Indian school. Learning from a letter received from a missionary that the extra gifts gave great pleasure to the members of the Auxiliary determined to make the parcels which accompanied the usual outfit for the Indian scholars, in the nature of dainty presents or luxuries which would be welcome in the far west.

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From Here and There

Queen Mary uses small note paper, with "Buckingham Palace" stamped in dark blue at the head of it. No crown is on the paper.

It's foolish to attempt the cultivation of friendship by giving your friends an occasional dig.

Those Spring Hats.

Any jury would convict the hat fashion givers of being mad on a dozen counts the evidence being the hats them selves—Guelph Herald.

New York city has a woman shoe shining which is making a comfortable living from her enterprise.

It is proposed to enact legislation which will put a stop to the habit of cigarette smoking among women in England.

One hundred thousand Canadian women are represented in the Federation of women's societies recently formed at Winnipeg, Canada.

THE WRONG WORD. (From London Opinion.)

"After a long illness Mr. Phillip B. passed away on Monday to the inexplicable grief of the family."—Colburn News.

We expect their inexplicable grief gave way to inexpressible rage on reading this.

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12 Principal Singers

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Monday Night: "Il Trovatore."

Tuesday Night: "Martha."

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Wednesday Night: "Faust."

Thursday Night: "Il Trovatore."

Friday Night: "Faust."

Sat. Matinee: "Martha."

Saturday Night: "Bohemian Girl."

PRICES: Orch. \$1.50; Front Rows Balcony \$1.50; Balcony, \$1.00; Rear Balcony, 75c.

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THE ORIGINAL 26TH BATTALION

Moving Pictures as the Boys Went Away

British-Canadian Weekly.

Mutt and Jeff Animated Cartoon

The Imperial seems to be the Joy Centre for reunion parties these homecoming days.

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"If I could talk to everybody who has would certainly tell Tania, for I have tried worth more than gold. Mrs. Rebecca Trimble Ave., Eastview, Ottawa. Trimble has been a law for the past two and is highly esteemed know her.

"Only those afflicted Mrs. Trimble continued stand the tortures of the past two years in my hips and legs torn but sometimes the pain arising to the small of was just a constant, that seemed to go clear and was so severe at times I could hardly walk. I had to swell up twice their muscles would draw felt like they were it couldn't stop over a dropped anything. I would pick it up for me piled up that I couldn't house and could just around. Sometimes I would go several nighting a wink of sleep. ed me and I sometimes would never recover. I had gotten to where faith in anything I didn't believe much about Tania, but I misery I finally made try it. Well, that was things I ever did. I am bottle now and am trying the way I have improved is almost gone out and the pain is so much hardly notice it any more. I have never taken a medicine since I got with Tania and ing as I did will do well. Tania is sold in Ross Drug Co. in St. John the personal director Tania representative."

REXTO

Rexton, May 16.—The Red Cross Society very retained our returned men who happened to be at evening in the public o'clock supper was served by the returned men. B. Carson read a nice dress to the boys. The then spent with gam Thomas O'Algie, Joseph D'Algie, William Carson, seneca, Frank Hebert, Fred Hebert, Stan Lur Edward, Alphonse Hannay, J. Sanpasta, Mrs. Capt. Allison E. little daughter, Rita a Captain at Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. R. Wood congratulations on the new son.

Mrs. John Weston, the winter with friend gouche, N. S., has returned home in Jardineville for months.

Scott, Alphonse Ric recently received his in the army, has returned on the position as manager's store.

Miss G. C. Fraser her grocery business Fraser and sons. Mrs. George Jardine visitor to her daughter Palmer, Fredericton.

Miss Georgie Jardine, turning from overseas ing her home here, has her practice of nursing Joseph D'Algie, who turned from overseas parents, Mr. and Mrs. He was accompanied niece, Miss Hill of Doy This simple mixture upon to restore natural beauty to the hair.

A well-known down says everybody uses W. Sulphur Compound no darkens so naturally anybody can tell it has it's so easy to use, to dampen a comb or so draw it through your hair strand at a time. By gray hair disappears application or two, it is natural color and look and beautiful.

HAVE DARK AND LOOK

Nobody can Tell Darken Gray, with Sage