

VICTORIAN ORDER NURSES CARRY ON VALUABLE WORK

Will Have Made Ten Thousand Visits by End of the Year.
NOT A CHARITY

Into more than a thousand individual homes in London Victorian Order nurses have already gone this year in their work of ministering to the sick. To the poor, unable to make any contribution to the cost of the service, they have made a total of more than 2,000 visits, without charge, and the total number of visits made will be above the 10,000 mark by the end of this month.

The Victorian order of nurses, founded by Lady Aberdeen in 1897, has been in operation in this city for many years, but there are probably many who do not fully understand its work. Its nurses serve all who need their help; they go at all hours of the day and night (with scarcely a night that there is not a call to some far part of the city); they give their service free if the home can make no payment, and they give their aid precisely the same to those who can pay.

The Victorian order was not intended to be a free charity. For the self-respect of those who are looked after, a small fee is expected where it can be paid. The fee is also done in the home, supported by small salary, where the coming of sickness is less a tragedy than in the poorer home, there may be had the part time service of a fully trained nurse who calls, does what is necessary and goes away.

Pre-Natal Work.
It is probably not generally known that about one in every five of the babies born in London receive, at birth, the attention of a Victorian order nurse. Much work is also done in anticipation of the arrival of pre-natal work has always been one of the important phases of the work done by the Victorian nurses. Likewise, after birth, it is their job to care for both mother and child for one month before any other organization can step in.

During 1924, to the end of November, Victorian nurses have attended at the birth of 289 babies, and the total will be over 300 by the end of the year.
Miss Margaret Duffield is the head of the nursing staff in this city and has under her four other fully trained and experienced nurses. The management of the work is in the hands of a local board of citizens with Prof. Fred Landon of the University of Western Ontario as chairman, and Dr. H. W. Hill, director of the institute of public health, as adviser.

Generous Citizens Help.
The financial support of the order in London is provided from the nursing fees, a civic grant, the united welfare fund and the gifts of individual citizens, who are directly interested in the work being done, or who are brought to see the pioneer character of the asks these nurses.

Facts About Optometry

NO. SIXTEEN.
Why is a person far-sighted?
Because his eyes are smaller than they should be. The degree of the far-sight depends upon the extent of the variation from normal.
Can a far-sighted person know he is far-sighted? Not unless the defect is so extreme as to interfere with vision.
Then a person may suffer from far-sight and believe he has normal vision?
Yes, many (perhaps most) far-sighted persons have vision, especially distant vision, better than normal, so have no reason to believe they have an error of vision.
Continued Wednesday.

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SORE THROAT
IS A COMMON AILMENT WHICH UNLESS CHECKED IN TIME MAY LEAD TO A SERIOUS CONDITION. SIMILARLY A COUGH OR BRONCHITIS DEVELOP OR REQUIRE SUSTAINED TREATMENT BEFORE IT IS OVERCOME. BUT IF TREATED AT ONCE MUCH UNNECESSARY SUFFERING MAY BE AVOIDED. AN OLD AND RELIABLE REMEDY IS FOUND IN
DR THOMAS' ECLECTIC OIL

A VASE.
I looked at Grecian urns and chess
For Christmas gifts, but must confess
They cost too much, so bought a vase.
Finished in Venetian glaze;
And now the only thing I mind
Is giving it away. I find
—Margaret Clarke Russell

have to face. The Victorian order is an organization which deals with the sick alone and finds its resources always taxed to keep up with the demands. It is quite plain that no case may be refused, and the board of management has no easy task in meeting the demands that the work raises.

Very much appreciated help has been given from time to time, both financially and in gifts of supplies, linen, etc. from smaller organizations about the city, such as girls' clubs, and there is scope for more help of this kind at the present time when with the coming of winter the Victorian nurses are meeting with many cases of need, joined up with sickness.

GENE STRATTON PORTER DIES AFTER ACCIDENT

Death of Popular Novelist and
Nature Writer Comes as
a Great Shock.

The death of Gene Stratton Porter comes as a tragic ending to Canadian authors' week. For, although the writer of "Freckles," "The Girl of the Limberlost" and stories about nature was not a Canadian, she was loved by the Canadian reading public. She died in Los Angeles, Cal., last night of injuries received when her automobile collided with a street car earlier in the evening.

Death actually occurred in a police receiving hospital an hour and forty-five minutes after the accident with out regaining consciousness. Physicians said her skull was fractured at the base.

Mrs. Porter was being driven toward Hollywood by her chauffeur, who was slightly injured. He told the police he approached a crossing, slowed down to allow an eastbound trolley to pass and was on the tracks before he noticed he was directly in the path of a westbound car.
It is as a novelist who has written many popular volumes that Gene Stratton Porter will be remembered. Although her largest contribution to literature has been her books and articles on bird life and flowers of California. At her home at Lambert, just north of Los Angeles, she has developed some of the rarest flowers and ferns to be found on the continent.

Into her novels she has put much of the natural history lore she gained through study of wild life. Indeed "The Song of the Clouds," her first book, is a protest against the destruction of bird life.
"Other well-known books are "At the Foot of the Rainbow," "The Harvester," "Ladies," "What I Have Done With Wild Birds," "Music of the Wild," and "Birds of the Bible." She was born in 1868 in Wabash county, Indiana.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. C. C. Quebec street, visited with friends in Hamilton for the week-end.

Senator J. E. Bland of Detroit was a visitor in London for the week-end with friends.

Mrs. A. M. Smart will receive for the first time on Friday afternoon at her home, 1 Kent street.

Mr. Ross Taylor and Mr. J. McMillan were week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth in Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Laurie and their small daughter, Princess, were week-end guests in Hamilton.

Mr. Adam Smith will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, at "Tullyn."

Captain and Mrs. R. E. Balders leave tomorrow for St. John, N. B., where they will sail for a six-week stay in England.

Mr. Harry Dickinson was in Woodstock last Friday night, attending the military ball. Mr. Dickinson was a guest with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Whitby.

It is expected that the players from the Guelph Badminton team will come to the city on Saturday to play the first inter-club match of the season with the London Garrison Badminton club.

Col. Weir, Col. Gillespie and Col. Lawless, of this city, were the out-of-town guests at a dinner given by the city engineers' department, Hamilton, spent the week-end in the city the guest of his parents. While here he acted as groomsman at the Spindler wedding on Saturday afternoon.

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WOMEN and THE HOME

CUPS PRESENTED AT CLUB DINNER

Highland Golf Season Ends
With Smart Dinner-Dance
on Saturday.

The Highland golf club was the scene of one of the most enjoyable events of the season on Saturday night, when the trophies of the season were presented at a smart dinner-dance. The large and spacious rooms of the club house were gay with Christmas decorations, while the dinner tables were centered with great masses of chrysanthemum in all their lovely pink, mauve, yellow and bronze tones.

Over one hundred members were present. Following dinner and the presentation of cups and trophies, the guests danced in a large west living-room and sun parlor. The men's room formed an attractive sitting-out spot, while the remainder of the guests played bridge in the dining-room and in the small sitting-rooms upstairs.

Ladies' Events.
1923 fall handicap, Frank White trophy—Mrs. Jared Vining.
1924 spring handicap, Vining trophy—Mrs. Archie MacPherson.
1924 fall handicap, White trophy—Miss Isabel Ross.
1924 club championship, Mace trophy—Mrs. G. W. Little.

Men's Events.
1924 spring handicap, Spittal trophy—Charles Keene.
1924 fall handicap, Jackson trophy—J. C. MacDonald.
1924 club championship, Moore trophy—Alex Calder.

A pleasing innovation was the presentation of prizes to the runners-up in the ladies' events, Miss Pope, Miss Anne Ross and Mrs. Archie MacPherson.

Among those who arranged parties for the dinner dance were: Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. MacLachlan, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boomer, Miss Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Calder, Mr. Charles Keene, Mr. and Mrs. E. Reid, Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Jared Vining, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Valenara, Mrs. Cowley and Mrs. Wendell Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Archie MacPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Payne, Mr. Chas. Spittal, Dr. Ross, Dr. Berry, Miss Barram and Miss Alley, Mr. Gough, Dr. Fred Kennedy, Miss Durand, Miss Isabel Ross, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Shaver, Miss Davidson, Mrs. Ross Johnston, Mr. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Heaman.

EMPRESS AVENUE CLUB.

Mrs. J. M. Chalmers will address the Empress avenue mothers' club at the school on Tuesday evening, her subject being "The Modern Mother and Her Daughters." A very fine Christmas program has also been arranged.

Mrs. W. James Baxter, who leaves this week for Toronto, where she will join Major Baxter at their new home there, has been a much fettered guest at many parties, recent hostesses being Mrs. Eric Reid and Miss Eula White, both of whom gave delightful luncheons in her honor.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Wortman were the hosts of a delightful dinner party given in honor of Mrs. Reuter, who left Saturday to make her home in Chesley. Covers were laid for twelve at a table attractively arranged with lavender and golden mums. Mrs. Reuter joins Mr. Reuter in Chesley, where he has been for some time past.

Mrs. Alex Purdon lent her charming home on King street for a tea and shower last week, which was held under the auspices of the Hamilton A. Boomer chapter, I. O. D. E. The event was arranged as a benefit for needy families, with Miss Dorothy Silverwood and Miss Maybelle Purdon as joint hostesses, and the regent, Mrs. W. H. Line, presided over the tea cups.

The women's citizenship committee hope to invite Lady McLaren Brown of London, England, to be their guest and special speaker early in the new year. Lady McLaren, who is the wife of Sir George McLaren Brown, formerly of Hamilton, is a guest with her sister, Miss Cerar, at "Mereworth" for Christmas. She was one of the speakers at the Wembley exhibition this summer.

Mrs. W. Courtis, Wortley road, entertained a number of her friends at the tea hour recently. A happy afternoon was spent, Mrs. J. H. Childs winning the prize for a guessing contest. Those present included Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Maine, Mrs. Millyard, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Garbutt, Mrs. Salton, Mrs. E. Geary, Mrs. T. Geary, Mrs. C. B. Chapman, Mrs. G. Gillis, Mrs. A. Dobbyn, Miss McLean, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. J. H. Childs, Mrs. Kercher and Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. W. Courtis was recently the hostess of a delightful afternoon tea at her home on Wortley road, when an original guessing contest during the afternoon was won by Mrs. J. H. Childs. The guests included: Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mrs. E. Geary, Mrs. T. Geary, Mrs. J. E. J. Millyard, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. S. Salton, Mrs. J. Garbutt, Mrs. G. Gillis, Mrs. J. H. Childs, Mrs. C. B. Chapman, Mrs. A. V. Dobbyn, Miss MacLean, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kercher, Mrs. (Dr.) Smith and Mrs. J. F. Maine.

The home of Mrs. William Arthurs, Duke street, was the scene of a happy event recently, when a number of friends of Miss Vera Shannon, a popular bride-elect, gathered to shower her with many miscellaneous gifts. Billy and Ruby Arthurs, dressed as a bridegroom and bride, entered the room, drawing a prettily decorated wagon filled with the lovely parcels for the guest of honor. Mrs. Jack Arthurs played the wedding march, and the presentation was made while Miss Shannon was seated under a white canopy with bowing streamers. The evening was spent in a social way, concluding with a dainty supper served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. G. Arthur, Jun., Mrs. R. Vanstone and Mrs. C. Garside.



STARRING TONIGHT IN "JUST SUPPOSE."

Leon Adams, who plays the part of the Prince, and Miss Kathleen England, who takes the role of the American girl in "Just Suppose," the London drama league's first production of the season, at the Patricia theatre tonight. The drama league is now entering its sixth year of activity and has to its record the development of a large number of local players. Its membership has almost reached the fifteen hundred mark.

CLUB NEWS

CHRIST CHURCH GUILD.

The annual bazaar of the women's guild of Christ church, Port Stanley, will be held in the parish rooms of the church on Wednesday, beginning at 3 o'clock. Afternoon tea will be served by the ladies, and many useful household articles will be for sale. In the evening a play will be depicted by the members of the amateur dramatic club of St. John's Anglican church, St. Thomas. It is hoped by the ladies that there will be a good attendance, and the men of the church will also have a booth, which will be a great attraction.

PUPILS GIVE RECITALS.

The regular weekly recital program, which is given at the Institute of Musical Art by the students, presented the following last Saturday morning: Dorothy French, Jean Merritt, Allan Case, Viola Gibson, Jack McDonald, Beatrice Wood, Mary Macaulay, Rose Matthews, Louise Anderson, Dorothy Edwards, Louise Blake, Helen Dyson, Annie Holiff, Mary Moran, Evelyn Runnalls, Norah Fruss, Emma Rowley, Jean Reid, Ruth Beamish, Margaret Burthwick, and Marlon McMahon. The teachers represented were Misses Alberta Tully, Mildred Chantler, Gladys Roeding, Hazel Taylor, Jennie Steele, Bessie Kerr, and Dorothy L. Munroe.

I.O.D.E. OFFERS PRIZE FOR STORY

National Chapter Continues
Policy of Encouraging
Canadian Literature.

Once more the National chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire offers two prizes, with a view to encouraging Canadian literature. The first, of the value of \$200, is offered for the best short story of from two to six thousand words, to be submitted before March 30, 1925. The second, of the value of \$100, is offered for the best one-act play, the presentation on the stage to occupy from between 20 to 30 minutes. This, too, must be in the hands of the national educational secretary of the I. O. D. E., Toronto, not later than March 30, 1925.

Rules governing the competition are as follows:

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It must not have been published before being submitted in this competition; it must contain not fewer than two thousand words nor more than six thousand; it must be typewritten on paper of letter size (8 1/2 by 11 inches) and on one side of the paper only. It must be sent flat, not folded or rolled; have the

author's "nom-de-plume" but not his or her real name, on the title page; be registered and mailed to the national educational secretary, I. O. D. E., 238 Bloor street east, Toronto. A sealed envelope with the "nom-de-plume" printed or written clearly upon it and the author's name within, must accompany the manuscript;