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TORONTO HUMANE SOCIETY.

At the monthly meeting of the Humane Society, which was held on Friday, December 13th, 1895, the recent cases of starving and neglecting old horses bought for the boneyard were discussed, and the authors of such ill-treatment strongly denounced. It was reported that one of the parties had been fined \$10 and costs, and that similar cases would be vigorously pushed in the future. Humane Officer Willis reported that he had investigated about forty complaints of cruelty, and had visited the cattle markets, etc., regularly. A letter was read from Vancouver, B. C., stating that a Humane Society would be formed there, and a report was received that a number of Bands of Mercy had been started in the schools at Stratford. A gentleman asked the society to take steps to have the hunting of rabbits with ferrets prohibited on the ground of cruelty. It was decided to bring this matter to the attention of the game warden. Among those present were Messrs. W. R. Brock (presiding), Chancellor Wallace, J. J. Kelso, ex-Ald. Piper, Dr. Moule, A. G. Strathy, B. St. G. Lefroy, Miss Dupont, Mrs. C. B. Grasset, Mrs. C. E. Leigh, Mrs. Helliwell, Mrs. Savigny, Miss Maynard, Miss Workman, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Armstrong.

LADIES' GLEE CLUB.

The Ladies' Glee Club has organized for the season with a chorus of 50 voices, under the leadership of Mr. Walter H. Robinson. Special credit is due to the president, Miss Tucker, and to the secretary, Miss Bapty, who have been more than energetic in their efforts on the club's behalf.

WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

In the theater of the Normal School, kindly loaned by the Hon. Geo. W. Ross for the occasion, the Students' Association of the Ontario Medical College for Women held its annual concert on Monday, Dec. 22nd, which was acknowledged on all sides to be the most successful of its kind that has taken place. The students instituted an innovation this year by conducting the affair entirely themselves. Miss Irwin, the president of the Association, most ably performing the duties of chairman, instead of one of the gentlemen of the faculty being brought into requisition, as formerly. The innovation was a decided success. Fair medical girls in cap and gown also acted with grace and ability the part of ushers. On the platform were Miss Irwin, chairman; Dr. Nevitt, Dean of the Faculty; Dr. Susanna P. Boyle, Dr. B. E. MacKenzie and Dr. N. A. Powell. Dr. MacKenzie gave a very appropriate opening address, speaking of the special fitness of women for certain lines of medical work, and following him came a song by the Knox College Quartette. Besides these there were two most enjoyable numbers by the Mendelssohn Trio, Mrs. Fred Lee, Misses Massie and Adamson; solos by Misses Hallworth and Gooderham, Messrs. McFadgen and Maquire, ably accompanied by Miss Norma Reynolds, and recitations by Miss Blong and Mr. Large. Miss Birni, '98, read a most clever and witty paper on the life of a first-year medical student, which was very much enjoyed by everybody, but more especially by the boys from Trinity and Toronto Medical Colleges, who occupied the galleries and back of the hall. Dr. Susanna Boyle gave a resumé of the numerous doctors in fiction from the time of Chaucer to the latest delineations of the professors of the healing art by Conan Doyle and Ian Maclaren. The essay was original and scholarly, and provoked frequent applause. Dr. Powell, in a racy speech, emphasized the chief points in Dr. Boyle's paper. After a few pertinent remarks by Dean Nevitt, the singing of the national anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNÆ.

The Women's Literary Society held their last ante-Christmas meeting in Alumnae Hall, on Wednesday, December 11th, devoting themselves to Canadian poetry. An essay on Bliss Carmen, by Miss Kyle, '99; readings from the same author, by Miss Lackner, '99; piano, Miss Howson; readings from Wm. Watson, Miss Nelles, '96; critique of Wm. Watson's works, Miss Heal, '96, and "Glees," by the college quintette constituting the usual merry evening. Auf Wiederseh!

W. C. T. U.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union had two interesting subjects brought before them at their meeting in their Elm street headquarters during De-

cember. The first was that of the projected shelter for girls which it is desired to establish somewhere in the old St. John's Ward district. The new home is being commenced to provide a place to which girls who have not proper homes, and are too old to be received at the Shelter of the Children's Aid Society, can be taken and reclaimed. The work will be put under the supervision of Miss McIntyre, a lady who has had considerable experience in this branch of charitable labor. A suitable house has not yet been secured, but it is expected that the scheme will be in operation at no distant date.

A number of donations towards the object have already been received, including \$8, a ton of coal, a range, a number of quilts, and some provisions. Iron cots are yet required, bedding and other useful household articles. The matter is in the hands of a committee of the ladies.

Mr. Charles B. Watts was present at the meeting and explained the proposed curfew law, which is something that is entirely in accord with the views of some of the members of the Union.

A reading-room for boys is to be opened at 56 Elm street and a birthday party was recently held to raise the necessary funds.

Y. W. C. A.

Monthly Report, November, 1895: Number of visitors to the reading-room, 678; registrations, 39; Domestic applying—Cooks, 7; generals, 22; housemaids, 5; nurses, 4; housekeepers, 41; sewing girls, 1. Places vacant—Cooks, 2; generals, 14; nurses, 2. Places supplied—Cooks, 1; generals, 4; nurses, 1. We have only had two Gospel meetings this month, the other two evenings the meeting was withdrawn, the 21st being Thanksgiving and on the 28th a lecture was given by Dr. Herron on "Lepers in India" to which all the boarders were invited. Attendance, for the two evenings, 26. The dressmaking classes have as yet only two in each class, but others have promised to come. The fancy-work class opened on the 26th, with an attendance of eight, but last night only three were present. The teacher (Miss Balfour) said she would be obliged to give up the class if it was not better patronized. I would ask the ladies of board to help in getting more pupils. The hall has been rented three times during the month, viz., on the 7th to Mr. Klingensfeld, 21st to Mr. Rubridge and on the 28th to Mr. Henderson for a lecture given by Dr. Herron on the "Lepers in India." Donations to reading-room for November—Mrs. Brock, magazines and Mrs. Harrison, *Cassell's Magazines*, *Godey's Ladies' Book*, and 14 vols. of the *Young Ladies' Journal*. Moneys received—By rent of large hall, \$18.00; by rent of small hall (Mr. Sandham), \$5.00; for storage (Mrs. Treman), \$10.00; employment bureau, \$3.30; fee for annual members, \$1.00; fee for associate members, 50c.; total, \$37.80. Expenses—To postage and stamps, 80c.

MINNIE BAILY,

Matron.

NURSING-AT-HOME MISSION.

Object: "To provide Christian nurses who shall visit the sick, without fee, in the name and for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, and give them both material and spiritual assistance."

Five nurses are employed at present. This work extends throughout the entire East and West. No case is taken where it is practicable to have admission to any hospital, and it is just for the purpose of relieving the poor who are suffering in their own homes, comfortless as they are, and of providing fit nourishment and clothing for the sick ones. The nurses are greeted by many a word of gratitude and blessing on their rounds, and indeed the sight of one of these daintily equipped attendants in white kerchief and apron, just as fresh and trim as if in a hospital ward, must prove a benediction at the bedside of those disheartened in their dreary and squalid surroundings. The kind act and cheery word do wonders, and the nurse has sometimes the pleasure of seeing a complete transformation in the way of neatness and cleanliness in the home before she leaves. An impression on the life is always sought to be made, too, and good seed sown as there is opportunity. The Nurse's Home is at 76 Hayter street; \$140 a month covers the entire expenditure, and this is supplied entirely by voluntary contributions. The Mission is purely undenominational and is a branch of the Toronto Mission Union.

TORONTO RELIEF SOCIETY.

This Society of Women Workers will shortly present its twenty-first report to the public. Owing to the delay in the transferring of the usual grant from the City Council, the work is much later in beginning than in past years; but at the monthly meeting of the board, held in the Y. W. C. A., encouraging accounts were brought in from old and new workers as to their willingness to give valuable aid in time and labor.

The system, as far as can well be judged, is as good a one as is possible, subject to the weakness

of tried humanity to be imposed upon. Each division, fifteen in all, of this steadily growing city is carefully worked out, and is under a superintendent and a number of presiding ladies, with a secretary. A room or rooms are rented from a respectable family, who are often thankful enough to get the small rental in fuel or money, and called the depository of that division. Provisions are stocked, these consisting of ordinary necessities, such as oatmeal, tea, sugar, rice, peas or beans and soap; pieces of factory cotton, flannel, flannelette, wincey, and strong white cotton, threads, and sometimes hanks of yarn; second-hand clothing of all kinds and any other item, such as blankets, quilts, etc., which may be given by kind friends to the society.

Weekly meetings are held at the depositories, where the applicants for assistance can come and make their cases known. If an extreme case is stated, relief is given them from the provisions, paper bags of all sizes being kindly given by a large manufacturing firm, and perhaps an order given for one-quarter ton of coal; before the next week the family must be visited by the presiding lady of that district, and all the particulars noted down. If the mother of a family is in need of special help, the Nursing-at-Home extends its valuable aid, and in cases of sickness where hospital aid is wanted the other national societies are asked to assist; and the society, being undenominational, has the hearty co-operation of ministers of all creeds.

When women are able to sew they take some material from the depositories, all ready cut out, and make up into aprons, pillow cases, sheets, etc., in payment for the help received. Any orders which are taken for special garments are paid for in money, each superintendent having her "appropriation" from the general treasurer.

The general board meets the first and third Wednesday in the month. Three reports are given in by each superintendent, every name being kept in an alphabetical book by the general secretary.

Special assistance is given in various ways, from the procuring of a false limb for a deserving cripple to the paying rent (to the landlord always) to prevent an eviction, and helping an aged or forlorn person on their way to their homes. Occasionally a small loan is voted, in many cases gratefully returned to the society.

The city has hitherto given the grant of \$1,000 to the society and \$200 to the Industrial Room Committee of the society, which has its workrooms in the Y. W. C. A., and gives work ready cut out two days in the week to deserving women, the hundreds of garments, well and neatly made, being sold as orders or at a weekly sale, held in the same place, and at an annual sale also. Collectors go out after the new year, and we always hope to have a small surplus to help cases of need during the summer. The active work of the society being during the winter months, and some of the divisions being more thickly populated than others, we would be most thankful for an increased staff of workers. There is an advisory board of gentlemen, who have given most valuable and practical assistance when required.

Officers of the society: Honorary president, Mrs. Brett, 33 Bloor street east; president, Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Binscarth road; 1st vice-president, Mrs. L. Morrison, 16 Admiral road; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Frizzell, P.O. Leslieville; secretary, Mrs. John A. Paterson, 23 Walmer road; treasurer, Mrs. Allan Baines, 194 Simcoe street; convener Industrial Room Committee, Mrs. Richardson, 36 St. Joseph street.

TORONTO WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

This society has been formed for the purpose of interesting and informing women of the history of Canada, and will be in affiliation with the York Pioneers. Monthly meetings will be held in the Canadian Institute, when papers of varied interest on different epochs will be read by the members. Any historical papers or relics will be shown and discussed, and members requested to take an active and personal interest in bringing to light any items which can be gathered together. Similar societies are in existence in other parts of Canada and the United States, notably in Virginia, where in Richmond the society was there presided over by a woman far-famed for her beauty and interest in olden things of her native State.

The officers of the Toronto society are: President, Mrs. George Curzon; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Forsyth Grant; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Bain; secretary-treasurer, Miss Fitzgibbon.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—METHODIST.

The fourteenth annual report, just issued, is a pamphlet of over 200 pages, and is embellished with an excellent map of Japan, on which the various mission stations appear in red ink. The home and