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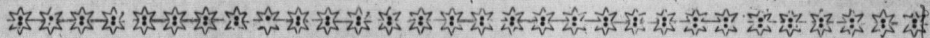
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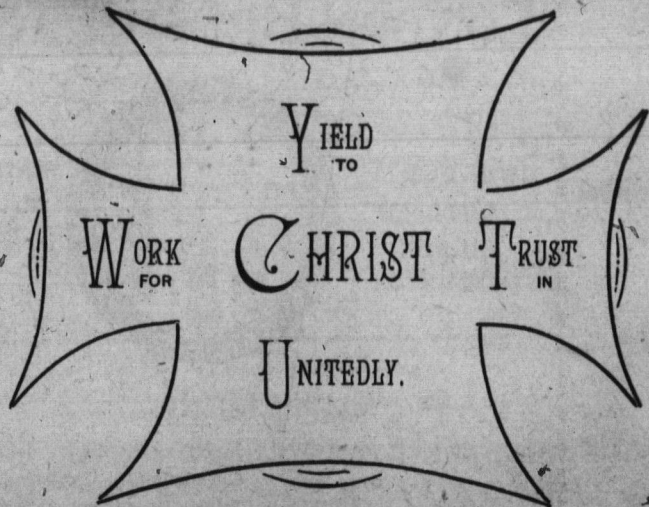
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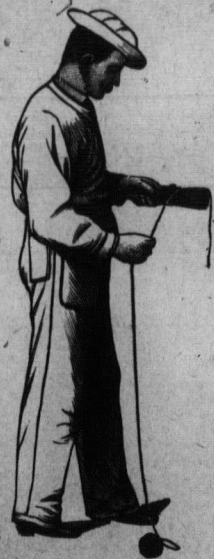
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**I**N OUTLINING briefly the year's work much, of necessity, must be left unrecorded. Words fail to convey an adequate conception of the work accomplished. But we have constant testimonials from those whom they have benefited, that our rooms have been a blessing and comfort to the young women of our city, in divers ways, and have infused brightness into many lives.

The total attendance during the year has been 15,270, an increase of 1,178 over the total attendance of last year. Of this number, 11,208 visited the rooms in the day-time, 4,062 attended in the evening, and 6,504 were present at the lunch hour. The attendance at the latter has been most gratifying, being 2,315 in excess of the total attendance of last year, and is steadily on the increase. Young women from educational institutions, offices, stores and factories, spend their lunch hour pleasantly and profitably in our cosy rooms.

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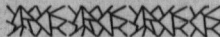


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Four hundred and ninety-six calls were made in the interests of the work, and 1,498 received. Many kindred organizations have held their meetings in our rooms, so that they have come to be the starting point from which much good work has proceeded on its mission of helping others. Among which may be mentioned the Women's Christian Association, the city branch of the Order of the King's Daughters, McAll Mission, Protestant Orphans' Home Board and the Local Council of Women.

The Housekeepers' Mission, which is in connection with our Y. W. C. A., and whose stores are supplied by the kindness and liberality of the housekeepers of London, has carried on throughout the year its work of distributing fruit, jellies, etc., to the sick and aged poor of our city.

On the occasion of the visit to London, of Mrs. Hoodless (President of the Dominion Y.W.C.A.), a conference was held, when Y.W.C.A. plans and methods of work were discussed. In June, Mr. John Andras gave us one of his enjoyable Shakespearian readings, from "Much Ado About Nothing." Mr. Andra's selections, together with appropriate instrumental and vocal music, constituted a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

Our rooms were transformed into a dressmaking school for a portion of the winter months, when Mrs. Crow, of Toronto, conducted classes in dressmaking, cutting and fitting garments. Many young women availed themselves of the

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In our Employment Department, numerous applications for girls for domestic service and for other employments have been received, and in several instances, we were able to supply the need and to obtain permanent situations or work by the day for those who applied. Several young women, strangers in our city, were directed to suitable boarding houses. Clothing and provisions have been provided poor families in their necessity. These are but a few of the various needs which have been met and supplied through the agency of the "Y" Rooms, in our efforts to "Look up and to lift up." If we can awaken

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## Report of Young Women's Christian Association.

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**I**N PLACING before you the records of another year's work we cannot but feel that though the work has been carried on under many limitations, yet that it has been signally blessed. That our efforts to provide the young women of our city with a pleasant meeting place and to surround them with an atmosphere which, true to the aims of the Y. W. C. A., shall develop their physical, social, mental and spiritual life are appreciated, encourages us to go hopefully forward into the future with its great possibilities for this work for young women by young women. The marked increase in the number of those who avail themselves of the privilege of spending their lunch-hour in our pleasant apartments, testifies to the growing popularity of this phase of our work and to its filling an urgent need.

Our ranks have been more than usually depleted this year by the removal to other cities of several of our active and most interested members, and by the marriage of others, so that though new members have been added each month to our list, yet the membership remains, for this reason, not much in advance of that of last year. The business meetings of the Association have been held on the first Saturday evening in each month when new members are received, reports of the



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various committees are presented and the members are trained in the procedure of meetings. One of the strong points of our work is that it develops the young women who take an active part in it and trains them to help others by giving out what they receive. Many a one has been helped by her connection with our Y. W. C. A., and has gone forth strengthened through its influences to do what she could for others.

The various classes have met regularly on their appointed evenings throughout the year. The Bible Class met on Tuesday evenings, when the systematic study of God's Word and the earnest Christian teachings of its leader, Mrs. Kennedy, has quickened and strengthened the spiritual life of its members.

The Art Class assembled on Thursday evenings, except when owing to the removal from the city of Mr. Jas. Davidson, who had so faithfully instructed it for two seasons, it was for a brief period without a teacher. We were so fortunate as to secure the services of Mrs. Stanley Williams, as Mr. Davidson's successor. Under her capable instructions the students made good progress and became much interested in their work.

The Physical Culture Class also met on Thursday evenings, when by exercises and drills the physical natures of the members were developed.

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A systematic course of practical lessons in dressmaking, cutting and fitting garments, was given by Mrs. Crow, of Toronto. Day and evening classes were held so that all might have the opportunity of taking the lessons. The attendance at both classes was gratifying.

At our Literary evenings our aim has been not only to interest and amuse, but to stimulate the mental life of our members and to awaken in them aspirations for that which is ennobling and true. Among the subjects taken up last winter were "Robert Burns," with selections from his poems and songs; "Byron and his Travels;" "Rip Van Winkle," with sketch of the life and writings of Washington Irving; Wordsworth's "Michael;" Longfellow's "Courtship of Miles Standish." "Talks to Busy Girls," by Miss Grace Dodge, formed the subject one Saturday evening. Magazine evenings were also held, when leading articles from the current magazines were read and discussed. Several evenings were pleasantly spent in the study of hymns, their origin, author and the circumstances under which they were written. The hymn under discussion being sung immediately after its story was told. These distinctly literary evenings are varied by bright and interesting "talks" on various subjects, given by prominent men and women who thus unfold to us the knowledge they have gained by study or travel. The talks for this year were as follows:—"The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky," with exhibition of geological specimens obtained there on a recent visit by the lecturer,

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Dr. Woolverton, Professor of Geology in the Western University; "The Land of Evangeline," with views and photographs of the historical places visited, Miss Priddis; "Light," Mrs. Evans; "Health Hints" and "Emergencies," Miss Tye, Superintendent of the General Hospital; "Conchology," with display of beautiful shells and other curiosities of the sea, Dr. Woolverton. Our thanks are due to all those who so kindly aided us in these Saturday evening talks.

The social element in our work has not been neglected, and we have endeavored by monthly receptions, together with the facilities which our home-like rooms always afford for rest, reading, or social intercourse, to develop the social side of our natures, to strengthen the bonds of union among our members, and to bring into fellowship the "stranger within our gates." These have taken many forms, among which may be mentioned: The celebration of time-honored Hallowe'en in regulation style, with taffy-pulling, popcorn popping and games; our annual Thanksgiving Tea with its well-spread and tastefully decorated tables and happy faces gathered around them; an evening with "Common Things," when several of the members represented articles in common use, such as a piece of Brussels carpet, a sheet of note paper, a piece of old iron, a bit of string, and narrated the history of their formation. Much useful information was gleaned and interest aroused in the marvels of familiar objects.

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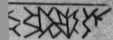


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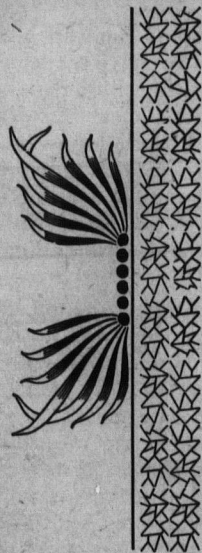
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nations were graphically depicted, national airs were sung and appropriate selections from the writings of each country represented read. The May reception took the form of a floral evening. The rooms were beautiful with nature's handiwork, gathered from gardens and native haunts. Quotations about flowers were given by all present, and different members personated the Spring flowers, telling their life-story in poem or allegory. Suitable music was rendered and the solving of conundrums in the form of a floral love story completed the evening's entertainment. Pleasant, informal gatherings are also held, when ice cream, fruit or other light refreshments are served and a good musical and literary programme provided, mostly contributed by the members themselves.

The spiritual life of the Association\* has been deepened and strengthened by the "Whatsoever" Circle of King's Daughters, which has awakened in many the desire for higher things and has, by its labors of love for the needy and sorrowing, endeavored to carry into practice the precept "By love serve one another." The Circle is divided into five minor Circles, each of which holds separate meetings of its own and presents reports of the work it has accomplished at the monthly devotional meetings of the united Circles. The Hospital and Charitable Homes of the city have been visited, and the patients or inmates supplied with flowers and little delicacies, Bible and praise services have been held by "Watchful Circle" at the home of a blind girl, who was unable to attend meetings. When her parents



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decided to return to their former home the Circle enabled them to do so by paying the cartage and freight on their furniture. Some of the minor Circles have held sewing meetings, when a quantity of garments has been made and quilts patched for the needy,

At Christmas, baskets of provisions with toys and books for the children, were distributed. Clothing and provisions have been supplied to poor families in their hour of need, and in numberless other ways has the helping hand been extended "In His Name," to those less fortunate.

One of the most encouraging phases of our work is our summer outing-home at New Orchard Beach, Port Stanley, where for \$1.50 a week, members of the association may enjoy the lake breezes, and a rest and change of scene during the heated term. This has been an inestimable boon to many who have returned from a sojourn at "Summerholm," not only recuperated in health, but cheered and encouraged by its sympathetic home-life to take up their burdens with hopefulness and courage.

This year we were enabled to free "Summerholm" from its debt of \$100, to have it painted, a pump put in, and some other needed improvements added. A concert held in May, in which some of London's best local talent took part, contributed towards the repainting of "Summerholm," the proceeds of which were greatly augmented by the contributions of generous well-wishers. We hope soon

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to pay the money still due on the pump, which, together with the digging of the well, cost \$52.25, and then to secure verandahs which will add greatly to the appearance of "Summerholm" as well as to its comfort.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who, by their contributions, have aided us in the purchase, building and improving of "Summerholm."

We have indicated briefly, in this report, what our work aims to do for the up-lifting of young women by surrounding them with helpful associations, and we ask your sympathy and co-operation. New avenues of usefulness, yet unentered, stretch before us beckoning us onward.

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# Treasurer's Report, Young Women's Christian Temperance Union

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## RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand .....	\$ 6 77
" Contributions.....	429 50
" Rent .....	126 25
" Dressmaking fees .....	145 15
" Report money.....	90 75
" Sustaining members' fees.....	19 00
" Collections from lecture and social evening.....	11 50
" "Y" fees.....	7 25
" Honorary fee.....	50
" Mite box.....	23
" Interest .....	48

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By Rent.....	\$300 00
" General Secretary.....	175 00
" Dressmaking expenses.....	106 00
" Janitress .....	42 00
" Fuel.....	25 80
" Printing.....	10 91
" Reports .....	57 60
" Insurance .....	5 00
" Affiliation fees to W. C. T. U.....	3 60
" Affiliation fees to National Council	2 00
" Stationery.....	3 50
" Reception expenses.....	1 20
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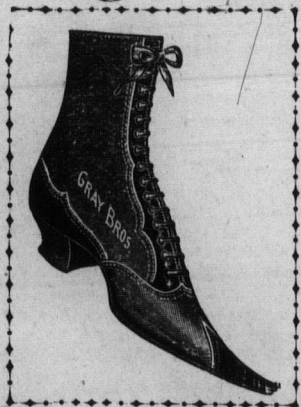
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FROM OCTOBER 1ST, 1895, TO OCTOBER 1ST, 1896.

### RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 10 26
“ Thirty-seven Yearly Fees.....	37 00
“ Ninety-eight Half-yearly Fees.....	49 00
“ Six Quarterly Fees.....	1 50
“ Contributions.....	25
	\$ 98 01

### DISBURSEMENTS.

By Gas.....	17 50
“ Stationery.....	11 74
“ Furnishing and Supplies.....	11 81
“ Magazines.....	11 58
“ Auer Light Co.....	6 00
“ Affiliation Fees to Dominion Y. W. C. A.....	5 10
“ Delegates' Fees to Dominion Conference.....	8 25
“ Reception Expenses.....	3 72

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By Repairs.....	\$ 7 15
“ Laundrying Curtains.....	4 00
“ Cartage.....	1 45
“ Sifton & Co.....	1 09
“ Heal & Fleming.....	2 25
“ Tuning Piano.....	1 50
“ Advertising.....	80
“ House-cleaning.....	75
“ Subscription for “Evangel”.....	50
“ Money Orders.....	13
“ Balance Cash on hand.....	2 69
	\$ 98 01

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FROM NOVEMBER, 1895, TO NOVEMBER, 1896.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance from last year.....	\$ 3 10
" Amount subscribed in stock.....	5 00
" " contributions.....	47 00
" " " Summerholm concert.....	12 13
" " Commutation Ticket.....	12 50
" " Monthly contributions Y. W. C. A.....	3 20
" " Collection.....	1 20
" " balance Maintenance Fund.....	3 83
Total.....	\$87 96

## DISBURSEMENTS.

By Painting "Summerholm".....	\$30 00
" G. Newman, for labor.....	15 25
" Commutation Ticket.....	12 15
" Taxes.....	7 50
" Posts.....	8 00
" Advertising.....	1 57
" Stamps and Postal Orders.....	22
" Balance.....	13 27
Total.....	\$87 96

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