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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS,

As Revised May, 1895.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name, Basis and Object.

SEC. 1.—The name of this Association shall be "THE TORONTO YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD."

SEC. 2.—This Association adopts, as its basis, those fundamental principles of Christianity on which all Protestant Churches are agreed, and will never admit any discussion of those matters of faith and polity wherein such Churches differ.

SEC. 3.—The object of this Association shall be the improvement of the physical, social, intellectual and spiritual condition of young women, by the plans and methods hereinafter designated.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

SEC. 1.—The members of this Association must be at least fifteen years of age, and shall be classed as follows: Active, Associate, Life, Sustaining and Honorary. Active members *alone* have the right to vote or hold office.

SEC. 2.—Any woman who is a member in good standing of any Evangelical Church, and approved by a majority of the Board of Management, may become an active member.

SEC. 3.—Any woman who is of good moral character may become an associate member.

SEC. 4.—Any person of good moral character may become a sustaining member by the payment of the sum of \$2 annually.

SEC. 5.—Any person of good moral character may become a life member by the payment of \$5 (lady), \$25 (gentleman), annually.

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SEC. 6.—Any person eligible for membership may be proposed as an honorary member by the Board of Management at any regular meeting, and elected by a majority vote of the Managers at the next regular meeting.

SEC. 7.—The Board of Managers shall determine the fees to be charged to members in the Physical and Educational Departments, and for other special advantages.

SEC. 8.—Any girl between the ages of twelve and fifteen years, who presents proper vouchers from her parents, guardian or employer, certifying to her age, employment, and general conduct, may be admitted by the General Secretary to such privileges and upon such terms as the Board may determine.

SEC. 9.—The membership fee, for active and associate members, shall be one dollar per annum, payable in advance, and non-payment for three months shall forfeit the privileges of membership, unless sufficient cause is given.

SEC. 10.—Women who are sustaining, life or honorary members, and are members in good standing of Evangelical Churches, are eligible to vote and hold office, and are therefore included in the active membership.

ARTICLE III.

Duties of Members.

SEC. 1.—It shall be the duty of the members of this Association to attend the meetings, to extend its work by increasing its membership, to assist in raising funds, and secure for it the interest and co-operation of the people of the city, especially the pastors and members of Christian Churches.

SEC. 2.—The members of this Association shall seek out young women, resident or strangers in Toronto, and endeavor to bring them under religious and moral influences, and, by every means possible, to surround them with Christian associates, and by personal effort try to win them to Christ, and endeavor to secure their regular attendance at, and membership in, some Protestant Evangelical Church.

ARTICLE IV.

Management.

SEC. 1.—The control of the affairs of the Association shall be in the hands of a Board of Managers chosen from the active membership, and consisting (not including the officers) of twelve members, or any multiple of six, and the conveners of standing committees, not already members of the Board of Management.

SEC. 2.—The officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer.

SEC. 3.—There shall be an Advisory Committee of ladies and gentlemen, members of Evangelical Churches, who shall meet when requested

with the Board of Management, for the transaction of important business.

SEC. 4.—At the annual business meeting the Association shall elect, by ballot or open vote, from among the active members a President, a Committee of Management, consisting of twelve members, or any multiple of six, and an Advisory Committee.

SEC. 5.—The Board of Management shall at its first meeting, after the annual business meeting of the Association, elect from among its members two or more Vice-Presidents, Recording, Corresponding and General Secretaries, and Treasurer, also standing Committees, with conveners.

SEC. 6.—The Board shall have power to fill vacancies caused by the absence, from four consecutive regular meetings of any of its members, also to fill vacancies in any of the committees.

SEC. 7.—The President and General Secretary shall be *ex officio* members of all committees of the Association and Board of Management.

SEC. 8.—At the last regular meeting previous to the annual business meeting of the Association, the President, or in her absence a Vice-President, shall appoint a committee from the active membership (including the Managers) who shall nominate members for election as Managers. The list, when presented by this committee, shall be posted in full view of the General Secretary's office, at least two weeks before the annual business meeting. Any active member shall have the right to nominate, in writing, over her own signature, any qualified member, for election to the office of President, or Board of Management, provided all such nominations shall be handed to the General Secretary two weeks before the holding of the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Duties and Powers of Officers.

SEC. 1.—The several officers shall have the power and perform the duties incumbent upon officers of like name in similar associations, subject to the by-laws of the Association and board of management.

SEC. 2.—The Board of Managers shall have supervision of all the work of the Association. They shall hold their meetings at least once a month; twelve members shall constitute a quorum. Should a quorum not be present, the meeting may be adjourned to a time specified by the members present.

SEC. 3.—No officer, committee or member shall have the right to contract any indebtedness in the name of the Association, unless a previous appropriation shall be made therefor by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings.

SEC. 1.—Meetings of the Association shall be held for the transaction of business, the promotion of Christian and social intercourse, presen-

tation of the reports of committees, and of the Board of Managers, and such other exercises as the Board of Management may provide.

SEC. 2.—There shall be an annual business meeting, held on the first Monday in May, when the annual reports of Secretaries, Treasurers, and Conveners of Standing Committees shall be presented, and the President, Board of Management, and Advisory Board, shall be elected. The business meeting shall be followed by a public anniversary meeting, at which addresses shall be delivered, and the result of the annual business meeting made known.

ARTICLE VII.

Organizations.

The Board of Managers shall have power to organize special departments or branches. But no organization shall be effected within or in connection with the Association, without the approval of the Board of Managers, and such organizations shall be subject to the control of said Board. The Board of Managers shall make rules for the government of such branches, organizations, or departments of work, and shall have power to re-organize or disband them.

ARTICLE VIII.

Discipline.

In case any member shall be charged with conduct injurious to the Association, the Board of Managers shall have power to suspend or expel such person, provided that, upon examination, the charges are sustained. But no member shall be suspended or expelled without having an opportunity to appear in person before the Board of Managers and make her defence.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments.

Amendments to this Constitution shall require for their adoption the approval of the Board of Management, notices in writing at a previous meeting, and a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, except this Article, and that part of Article II which provides the active membership shall be composed of women who are members in good standing in Evangelical Churches, shall never be amended.

NOTE.—The word Association is used throughout this Constitution and By-laws because though the literal name of the organization is the Young Women's Christian Guild, it is a Young Women's Christian Association in the fullest sense of the word, and is in affiliation with the International Convention of Y. W. C. Associations of the United States and British Provinces.

BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. The Association shall have regular weekly meetings and once a month shall receive reports from the Managers' Board, Standing Committees, etc. Quarterly meetings in conjunction with the Managers' Board, for the transaction of business, shall be held.

II. The Association may appoint a Recording Secretary, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of all meetings. In the absence of the President or Vice-Presidents, the Conveners of Committees, each in order of seniority, shall be called upon to preside.

III. The following shall be the order of business in the meetings of the Association :—

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports of the Board of Managers in writing, and of all standing committees.
4. Reports of special committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Special exercises.
9. Adjournment.

IV. The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of May, and the usual membership fees shall then be payable in advance. In cases where persons are elected at other times, the dues shall be payable on the first of the respective months in which they have been elected.

V. These by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any yearly meeting, provided due notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

ARTICLE I.

Meetings.

SEC. 1.—The regular meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the first Monday of the month, at 3 o'clock p.m.

SEC. 2.—The order of exercises shall be as follows :—

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading of minutes of preceding meeting.
4. Report of General Secretary.
5. Report of Treasurer.
6. Election of members.
7. Reports of standing committees.
8. Reports of special committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

SEC. 3.—Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, at the request of five Managers. The object of the meeting must be specified and incorporated in the notice to members. No business shall be transacted at special meetings, except that for which the meeting is called, unless by the unanimous consent of those present.

ARTICLE II.

Duties of Officers.

SEC. 1.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Managers. She shall have general supervision of the work, and shall see that committees are organized and set at work as soon as possible after their appointment.

SEC. 2.—One of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

SEC. 3.—The Recording Secretary shall keep full minutes of all meetings. She shall see that all business meetings are properly announced, and shall inform each member of the Board of Managers of regular and special meetings of that Board. She shall also notify all officers, committees and members of their election or appointment.

SEC. 4.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association.

SEC. 5.—The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association, shall collect all dues, and keep an account of all receipts and disbursements. All money paid out by the Treasurer shall require an order from the Board of Management or the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

SEC. 6.—A General Secretary may be employed by the Board, who shall, under its direction, have general supervision of the Association, be in attendance at all the meetings of the Board and of the committees, and perform such other duties as it may assign her. She shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of all standing committees, shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, not undertaken by the cor. sec. and have charge of all printed matter issued thereby. She shall be in attendance at the rooms of the Association at hours fixed by the Board of Managers, and shall be the executive officer of the Board in respect to all matters not referred to other officers or committees.

ARTICLE III.

Committees.

SEC. 1.—The Board of Managers shall appoint all standing committees and designate the chairmen thereof. Active members of the Association who are not members of the Board, may be appointed on all committees.

SEC. 2.—There shall be the following standing committees, consisting of not less than three members each :—

1. Executive Committee.
2. Membership Committee.
3. Committee on Rooms and Library.
4. Bible Study.
5. Committee on Religious Meetings.
6. Committee on Educational Classes.
7. Committee on Entertainments, Lectures, etc.
8. Committee on Invitation.
9. Reception Committee.
10. Committee on Physical Culture.
11. Committee on Boarding Houses.
12. Committee on Employment.
13. Committee on Junior Department.
14. Committee on Finance.
15. Committee on Social Meetings.
16. Committee on Programmes.
17. Committee on Publications.
18. Committee on "Guild Rest."
19. Committee on Temperance.
20. Committee on King's Daughters' Circle, etc.

SEC. 3.—Special committees for other purposes may be provided, and their work defined by vote of the Board of Managers at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Committees.

SEC. 1.—Each standing committee shall meet at a stated time. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the chairman or secretary of the committee to each member, and a majority shall constitute a quorum. The chairman of each committee must secure the approval of a majority of the Board of Managers before action upon any important business by the committee.

SEC. 2.—All committees shall report in writing to the Board of Managers and to the Association whenever desired by the Board. The President and General Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members of all committees.

SEC. 3.—The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and four members of the Managers' Board, and shall transact all necessary business arising between the regular monthly meetings of the Managers' Board. Meetings of the Executive may be called by the President and General Secretary.

SEC. 4.—The Membership Committee shall seek to increase the membership of the Association, and through them, and only through them, shall proposals for membership be made to the Board of Managers.

SEC. 5.—The Committee on Rooms and Library shall have charge of all the rooms in use by the Association; shall make provision for the furnishing of the same and keeping them in order, and shall seek to make them attractive to young women. They shall have charge of the maintenance and increase of the library, and provide suitable papers and periodicals for the reading-room. No publication shall be admitted to the library or reading-room, unless approved by them.

SEC. 6.—The Committee on Bible Study shall seek to awaken a general interest in the study of the Bible among the members of the Association. They shall arrange for Bible Training Classes, and other classes for general Bible Study.

SEC. 7.—The Committee on Religious Meetings shall arrange for and sustain all the religious meetings of the Association, except those in charge of the Bible Study Committee.

SEC. 8.—The Committee on Educational Classes shall have charge of the educational classes of the Association, and engage teachers therefor, subject to the approval of the Board.

SEC. 9.—The Committee on Entertainment shall, under the direction of the Board, provide lectures or other literary or musical entertainments, and shall plan for socials and receptions, and arrange the programmes for the same.

SEC. 10.—The Committee on Invitation shall seek to promote the attendance of young women at the rooms and meetings of the Association, by personal solicitation and distribution of invitations, and in every other available way.

SEC. 11.—The Reception Committee shall take charge of the rooms in case of the absence of the General Secretary. At least one of their number shall be present at the rooms each evening, and they shall at all times seek to make the rooms home-like, make the personal acquaintance of the young women who visit them, and especially try to win them to Christ.

SEC. 12.—The Committee on Physical Culture shall, with the consent of the Board, provide rooms and apparatus for gymnastic exercises, and aim to advance physical culture among young women. They shall see that all evil influences are kept out of the gymnasium, and that no instructor who is not a Christian worker shall be therein employed.

SEC. 13.—The Committee on Boarding Houses shall keep a list of suitable boarding houses to which they may refer young women. They shall secure satisfactory references and, through personal visitation, obtain a thorough knowledge of the boarding houses to which they refer applicants.

SEC. 14.—The Committee on Employment shall have entire control of receiving and placing all applicants for employment. They shall become acquainted with and take a personal interest in all who apply for work, and seek by every means to find suitable employment for all deserving applicants.

SEC. 15.—The Committee on Junior Department shall have charge of the Association work for girls, and shall employ for them, as far as possible, all the methods of Association work.

SEC. 16.—The Committee on Finance shall have charge of the finances of the Association; shall devise and carry into execution plans for raising money; shall audit bills, and shall keep a full account of all appropriations made by the Board. Before the — day of — (month) they shall secure from each of the standing committees an estimate of all expected receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year. They shall carefully examine such estimates and present to the Board of Managers, at its first meeting, the results of their examination in the form of a budget. When the budget is adopted by the Board of Managers, no addition shall be made thereto or expense incurred by any committee over the amount appropriated, unless by the authority of two-thirds of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 17.—The Social Committee shall provide for and superintend all social gatherings, in conjunction with the Reception, Programme, and Committee on Religious Meetings.

SEC. 18.—The Programme Committee shall arrange the proceedings of all meetings and gatherings not provided for by the Entertainment and Lecture Committee.

SEC. 19.—The Committee on Publications shall issue *The Gazette*,

and shall superintend the printing of all circulars, invitations, booklets, etc.

SEC. 20.—The Committee for the "Guild Rest" shall superintend the opening, closing, and conducting of the Summer House at the Toronto Island.

SEC. 21.—The Temperance Committee shall arrange that the subject of total abstinence shall be placed before the members and friends at stated times, by means of meetings, platform addresses, Gospel services, etc., and shall endeavor to secure as many signatures as possible to a total abstinence pledge. They shall also secure the practical interest and sympathy of the members in matters of general interest relating to prohibition, social reform, purity, etc.

SEC. 22.—The King's Daughters' Committee shall superintend and control the work of this order in the Association.

ARTICLE V.

Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of the proposed amendment having been given at a previous regular meeting, and also, without previous notice, by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board at any regular meeting.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

Held in the "William Gooderham Hall," Y. W. C. G., on the evening of Monday, 13th May.

Rev. Dr. Galbraith conducted devotional services. Miss May Cambridge, General Secretary, and Miss J. Mitchell, Treasurer, presented reports of the Association; and the President, Mrs. John Harvie, in her Address, gave an historical account of the rise and progress of the movement, which culminated in the organization of Y. W. C. G.; its aims and methods; the results in so far as they are known, and the outlook. Inspiring and helpful addresses were given by T. Eaton, Esq., who kindly acted as chairman, Hon. S. H. Blake, Rev. Dr. Galbraith, Rev. T. B. Hyde, and Rev. T. Chambers. Mr. H. M. Blight, accompanied by Mrs. Blight, contributed, in his usual able style, a vocal solo; and Miss Spence and Miss Penny a piano duet. A successful sale of work was held in the afternoon, and tea served in the Gymnasium, from 6 to 8 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Friends,—With glad and thankful hearts we welcome you to the eighth annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Guild. We are thankful to God for the rich and abundant blessings He has showered upon our Association, not only this year but from the very beginning of the work; and we are thankful to you and to others who have given the movement such warm and practical support. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength."

The Young Women's Christian Guild was organized eight years ago, for the purpose of doing for young women, along very much the same lines, and by the same methods, all that the Y. M. C. A. is so nobly and successfully doing for young men. Deeply important as the work for young men is, we believe that organized effort for the benefit of respectable young women, is of infinitely more importance. The young women of to-day will be the future mothers of the nation, and men and women too, are very much what their mothers, by heredity and training, make them. Therefore, any organization which has for its aim the elevation of young women, which helps them to make the best of themselves from every standpoint, which sets before untrained girlhood the goal of a perfect womanhood, through the development of the spiritual, the intellectual, and the physical nature, must receive the sympathy and support of every right-thinking person in the community.

Though our organization is known by the name of the Young Women's Christian Guild, it is in every sense of the word a Young Women's Christian Association, and is in affiliation with the International Committee of Y. W. C. Associations for the United States and the British Provinces. In harmony with the International Committee, and in order to complete our affiliation with that body, we have adopted what is known as the evangelical basis, which means, that the *active* membership is composed of members of evangelical churches, and that active members *alone* have *voting powers*, and are eligible for office. This does not prevent, as you will have observed by the reports, our associate membership from being composed of all classes and creeds, the one only limitation for associate membership being outward respectability of character.

As an anniversary meeting is an eminently proper time, not only for a retrospect, but for a preview, we shall, for a few moments, look backward upon all the way in which the Lord our God has led us and then forward to opportunities and responsibilities yet in the future.

Without a single dollar either on hand or promised, without knowing from what quarter would come the rent of the room in which the first meeting was held; with nothing save the encouragement of one good man, now in the eternal glory, who greatly desired to see a general work for young women, corresponding to that accomplished for young men in our City, the work was inaugurated. To-day, by the goodness of God, we are part owners of this valuable property, comfortably furnished as you see it. The building and land, with furnishings, are valued at about \$42,000. The debt on the building is \$20,000, on furnishings \$386; the inference is encouraging, namely, that, besides the current expenditure, upon which there is no debt, the Y. W. C. G. has, by the blessing of God, and the liberality of citizens, accumulated property to the value of about \$22,000, in the short space of eight years. We are pleased to say in this connection, that, humanly speaking, had it not been for the very generous liberality of Hon. S. H. Blake, G. W. Cox, Esq., T. Eaton, Esq., H. A. Massey, Esq., E. B. Osler, Esq., Mrs. Henry Gooderham, and others, this satisfactory statement could not be made at this time. The first year of our existence, 1877-78, the sum of about \$849, including the printing of *The Gazette*, was expended in maintaining the work. Last year, including the printing of *The Gazette*, the expenditure was in the neighborhood of \$4,000, and year by year, as the work has expanded, the means to carry it on have been forthcoming. This, we believe, may be regarded as conclusive evidence that the movement is of God, and that the organization meets a long-felt want in the Christian service of our City. Our Y. W. C. G. has been popular from the beginning with those it sought to serve, simply because it has not been done in a patronizing way, by the wealthy and influential, *for young women*, but a work accomplished under the supervision of experienced women, *for young women, by young women*. The success has been phenomenal, and, what is better still, continuous. Many thought that the remarkable interest manifested at first, would soon wane, but, thank God, it has been followed by months and years of steady work, and ever deepening and widening interest.

On the membership roll we have over 800 names, and beginning eight years ago with three educational classes, there are now 31, with over 400 students at the winter sessions. Starting without a General Secretary, later, with one engaged for a portion of the day, now Miss Bambridge is at her post from early morning until late at night, and assistance is frequently required. With satisfaction we express, in passing, our appreciation of the faithful service rendered by Miss Bambridge, our present General Secretary. Her painstaking attention to duty, even to the smallest detail, and her kind and courteous, yet just and impartial, manner of dealing with the young women and strangers who visit our Building, together with the spiritual tone of all her labors, have done much to expand the scope of the work, and increase the results.

The outlook for the future is encouraging; the opportunities are many, and the responsibilities weighty. We are told that there are in the City of Detroit 50,000 young women; probably we have about as many in Toronto. The Y. W. C. G. has, in various ways, reached, perhaps, from 2,000 to 3,000 of this great host, and in view of these facts, what a mighty work must yet be done before even those who are alone in this City are made happier by a touch from the hand of Christian affection. Shall we not, at least, try to do more next year for the young women all about us? We owe it to God, to ourselves, to the thousands who need our help, to womanhood the whole world over, to do *more* for this important class in the community than we have done.

What equipment is required by our Association for higher service? What is needed?

(1) More faith in God for grand results, ever remembering that soul-winning and soul, or character, building, are of primary importance in all Christian work. More of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. More prayerful waiting upon the Lord. More close abiding in Christ. This kind, said Jesus, alluding to the powerlessness of the disciples, goeth not forth but by prayer and fasting.

(2) *More Helpers.* Women of age and experience, of spiritual power and devotion, of influence and position, of youth and leisure, may all find scope for their efforts, in this many-sided service for the young women of our City. In order to secure a wider co-operation, we are this year changing the Constitution, empowering the *active* membership to elect a Board of Management for the transaction of business. Our business young women have shown themselves in the past, quite capable of managing a large organization successfully, but time to consider and apply plans and methods has been wanting, therefore the new departure, namely, the appointment of a Board of Managers, which will include a number of business young women. We have also an Advisory Board of ladies and gentlemen, that, when occasion requires, will meet with the Managers, these Boards to report quarterly, or more frequently, as may be decided.

(3) *A more devoted and faithful active membership.* More than 100 of our active members have been doing noble service on the various Committees, and have been successful beyond our highest expectations; but hundreds of others have simply been content to *come and go*, satis-

fied with having availed themselves of one or more of the privileges of membership, without giving a thought to the unsaved young women constituting the associate membership, or to the hundreds of non-Christians who visit our parlors and reading-rooms monthly. This is not as it should be, but we think a word to the wise is sufficient.

(4) *The interest, sympathy, and practical support of the young women of means and leisure, belonging to our churches.* If you belong to this class you can aid us by becoming members, and inducing others, who would gladly make use of the privileges of membership to become such. Perhaps you have been privileged to travel; you have visited the "Old Land," and enjoyed glimpses of the beautiful in both art and nature. How lovely to gather around you a dozen or more girls, and cause them to see what you have seen, and know something of all that it is your privilege to know. Or, you may help with the educational work, or brighten an hour with a song or a reading. Or you may, aided by the Holy Spirit, lead others into the way of Life, and lighten the cares and burdens of many, by linking yourself with this work.

(5) *A larger sum of money for current expenditure.* Here let me ask, *how much* do you think we require yearly, over and above the legitimate revenue derived from the different departments of the work? Only about \$1,000. Surely the citizens of Toronto ought willingly to expend this comparatively small sum for the benefit of our young women. Double, treble, quadruple that amount is contributed for the Y. M. C. A. work, and so it should, *but* this ought ye to have done, and not left the other undone. Last year our general contributions amounted to less than \$800. An additional \$300 would have relieved the Finance Committee of a heavy burden of care, and made the results of the work infinitely more far-reaching. The interest on our building debt is the heaviest burden we have to carry. The payments are due in June and December. The June payment is particularly difficult for us to meet; and were it not for the liberality of two of the gentlemen on the platform, and two or three ladies and gentlemen now in the audience, we would have found it very hard to meet our liabilities in these times of financial depression. We therefore appeal to the citizens of Toronto for a more generous and liberal support. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

In closing I wish to allude to one or two of the prejudices which exist in the minds of some, against this loving service for young women. Occasionally one hears remarks like the following:— "The Young Women's Christian Guild is spoiling our working girls," or, "Mrs. Harvie, by laboring to elevate, amuse, interest and teach our young women, is unfitting them for domestic service." These utterances are not only foundationless but senseless and foolish as well, as the thoughtful person will admit in the light of the following facts:—

If you have listened to the statistics of our Bureau of Employment you will have observed that the Y. W. C. G. has placed from 300 to 400 good domestics in households in Toronto. Again, in our membership of over 800, we number only 77 domestics, out of the *thousands* of this class in our city. It will be seen, therefore, that our opportunities for spoiling the domestics of Toronto are infinitesimal. We only

wish we could reach more, many more, of this isolated class of girls to brighten and cheer their too often lonely lives; to give them a love for useful knowledge, to help them to understand the dignity of labor, and to exalt to a higher standard in their minds, and in the minds of society at large, the *profession of household labor*. Knowledge is power, and there are but few mistresses within the sound of my voice who will not heartily coincide with me when I say, that the trained and educated domestic is infinitely superior to the untrained and ignorant one. This year we have been able, through the kindness of Mr. Blake, to do more than ever in the way of training in domestic service, and when the Lord, our Provider, places more money at our disposal in this department, our first work will be to engage a professional teacher in domestic science, and thus place within the limits of the purses of our members, a thorough and systematic course of training in this most important of all professions.

We now set our faces to the future, and go forth to new duties, and we trust enlarged service, for our blessed Master, in this our appointed work, and may we be made *faithful*, even in that which is *least*.

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Another year, with all its possibilities and opportunities for work in the Master's service, improved or unimproved, is numbered with the past, and we are again called upon to give an account of the performance of the work given us to do.

In giving this account it has been thought advisable to present a short review of the origin and work of our organization.

HISTORY.

The Young Women's Christian Guild, which was the outcome of an earnest desire on the part of some philanthropic friends for the elevation and benefiting of the young women of our city, was organized in Shaftesbury Hall on May 30th, 1887, Mrs. John Harvie being elected President. A regular religious meeting was at once established, as were also classes in general improvement, book-keeping, shorthand and music.

At the end of one year the membership had greatly increased, and with it the necessity for larger and more commodious quarters. Accordingly rooms were rented at 201-205 Yonge street, where the work was carried on more extensively, many new subjects being added to the class work.

The movement continued to grow, and in 1890 the officers and members began to think of and labor for the attainment of a building of their own, where the work could be carried on on a larger and more influential scale.

By their earnest efforts, and the liberality of warm friends, they were enabled to accomplish their desired object in 1891, when our building on McGill street, costing about \$40,000, reached completion.

Here our work has been yearly extended, until at present our large building is often taxed to its utmost capacity.
 "Surely goodness and mercy have followed us."

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The increasing advantages of this department of our association and the appreciation in which they are held by those who eagerly avail themselves of this opportunity for improvement, are shown by the fact that during the past season we have had no less than thirty-one classes, containing over four hundred pupils. These classes consisted of Bible study, domestic science, dressmaking, business and improvement classes, accomplishments, and physical culture.

Realizing the tendency of the age to overlook the cultivation of domestic arts in the desire for higher education, we are making a special effort to place domestic science on a level with educational development on other lines.

Owing to the kindness of Hon. S. H. Blake, one of the Guild's warmest friends, who generously donated the sum of one hundred dollars for this purpose, we were enabled to establish and conduct a really good and very helpful cooking-class.

Another important addition to our class work during the past season was the organization of a millinery class, under the supervision of Mrs. Thornhill. This class proved a great benefit to many of the members, and our sincere thanks are due Mrs. Thornhill for kindly undertaking this work.

SPIRITUAL WORK.

Several Bible classes have been held each week, and our Devotional Committee has taken almost complete charge of the regular Monday evening meetings, the service many times being led by one of the members themselves, and again by some active Christian worker, among whom might be mentioned Miss Winnie Macdonald, Mrs. McKillop, Miss Thompson, of the Methodist Deaconess Home, Mrs. Goforth, returned Missionary from Honan, China, Rev. Mr. Morrison, Miss Lyon, Travelling Secretary of the Students' Volunteer Movement, and many others.

OTHER ADDRESSES.

Occasionally at one of our Monday evening meetings a lecture on some business, scientific or literary subject was given, such as "How to Read the Bible," by Prof. Brown; "Elements of Electricity," illustrated, by Prof. C. A. Chant; "Business Education," by Mr. W. H. Shaw, of the Central Business College, etc. We were also favored with a course of medical lectures from six of our prominent lady physicians. These lectures had been arranged for and given on different Saturday afternoons during the season and were kindly repeated at our Monday evening meeting to suit the convenience of many who could not be present on the Saturday afternoons. The sincere thanks of our Association are due Drs. Julia Thomas, Susanna Boyle,

Bertha Dymond, Lelia Davis, Jennie Grey, and Annie Carveth for their kindness in so graciously rendering their services on these occasions.

A public meeting was also held in July last, addressed by Miss Breckin and Mr. Atkinson, who gave reports of the Christian Endeavor Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and also by Rev. Dr. Ashmore, of China, Missionary delegate to the Baptist Young People's Union Convention held in this city. Miss Bambridge and Misses Jessie and Bessie Mitchell represented us at the Fifth International Convention of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States and Canada, held at Pittsburg, Pa., on April 18th-21st last. Their report of the meetings was full of enthusiasm and cheer, and we believe will inspire us with more zeal in the great work we are striving to accomplish.

We were also well represented at the Local Council of Women held in this city in October last.

FINANCE.

Though the year has been one characterized by severe financial depression, we mark, with great pleasure and unbounded gratitude, the success of our organization in all its financial interests. We have, with considerable effort it is true, been able to meet all our liabilities as they were presented.

We praise God who has not withdrawn His favor from us, and has supplied all our "need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

"GAZETTE."

Our little paper, the "Gazette," was remodelled during the year, making it more attractive in feature and convenient in form. Many warm encomiums and kind expressions of approval have been received, showing to some extent the appreciation with which it is meeting.

ISLAND COTTAGE.

The "Rest" on the Island was open for the three summer months, and very many of our members and other friends spent a pleasant and profitable holiday. Though a rental of fifty dollars was charged for the cottage, still we were enabled to meet all expenses, and the undertaking proved a greater success than in any previous year.

Our Membership and Devotional Committees did good work in visiting the women converts at Mr. Moody's meetings in November last. They also distributed a large number of books kindly sent by Mr. Moody for this purpose.

GYMNASIUM.

Our gymnasium, under the able management of Miss Thompson, continues to grow in popularity, as was shown by an increased attendance and also by the kind words of praise its members received at our closing concert, in which this branch of study took a very prominent part.

LIBRARY.

Our parlors and reading halls have been open every day, where the latest newspapers and magazines have been supplied, and a library of over seven hundred volumes free to members. These rooms have been largely patronized, the regular visitors being about four thousand monthly.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Several socials and other entertainments were given during the past year. A reception was given in the autumn to the lady students in attendance at the University, Normal School, Medical College, etc., which was very largely attended.

A course of Business Socials were also given to the young women employed in factories and other business houses in the city. The thanks of our organization are due to the Mission Band of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, the Christian Endeavor of Bloor St. Presbyterian Church, the King's Daughters Circle of the Elm St. Methodist Church, and our Advisory Board, who kindly provided Gospel addresses and refreshments for these socials.

The King's Daughters Circle in connection with the Guild held a pound social on Christmas Eve, and distributed a number of baskets of groceries and provisions, kindly donated by members and friends. Many homes were thus made happy, and many thoughts raised to Him who said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Our organization has, during the past year, endeavored to show its sympathy with every advance step in religious and moral reform work.

Strong resolutions were passed expressing a desire to co-operate in the great meetings conducted by Mr. Moody in our city last autumn, and asking that a part of these services be specially devoted to women. The prayer of this resolution was granted and, we believe, resulted in much good.

A resolution sympathizing with the movement to introduce manual training for girls into the Public Schools was also passed and forwarded to Mr. Hambly, Chairman of the Public School Board, and also to Mr. J. L. Hughes, Inspector of Public Schools.

Emerson has said, "If we work upon marble it will perish, if we work upon brass time will efface it, if we rear temples they will crumble into dust, but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something that will keep bright to all eternity." How true this is in connection with our work. Then let us be even more watchful in the future than we have been in the past, for opportunities both for intellectual development and the cultivation of spiritual strength among our members, and those whom we are so anxious to benefit.

"Keep on a-sowing,
God will cause the seed to grow
Faster than your knowing.
Nothing e'er is sown in vain
If His voice obeying,
You look upward for the rain
And falter not in praying."

A. M. MORTON, *Rec. Secretary.*

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The object of our Association is to develop the whole character of young women ; in other words, to interest and stimulate a desire to attain a higher and better knowledge of the physical, social, business, intellectual and spiritual life, and in every way possible assist in carrying out this desire. This work is not for one but for all classes of young women. Here the young women whom God has blessed with wealth may meet her less fortunate sister, and each be helpful to the other.

We are social beings by nature, and by placing us in this world God meant us to have a life of enjoyment. Special attractions are offered that will help to cultivate the social nature and give pleasure at the same time. In our Society may be found educational classes which help to train and culture the mind, and thus assist the student in her preparation for her future life work.

Many a girl and woman is receiving to-day a small salary when she might receive a much larger one had she even a good common school education. Then we have classes in physical culture and gymnastics, which help to develop well-rounded, healthy bodies.

In reviewing our work for the year we have to report God's guiding hand directing our steps and leading us safely through.

What has been accomplished, great as it has been, appears small when brought into contrast with what has been left undone. We have not reached one-twentieth of the young women of our city, while in the ranks of our active members how few there are who are active workers for the Lord Jesus.

While we cannot in any concise way give a full report of our work—spiritual fruits cannot be weighed or results counted—yet from the facts which we present some idea will be gained of the manifold work of our Society in its varied departments during the past year. Our Committees, of which we have had 11, have done better work this year than ever before, as will be seen by their reports. We are glad of this, as there is no better criterion of any society than the work accomplished by its members. The Devotional Committee, with Miss V. Kelly as Convener, has taken charge of the Monday evening meetings, some of them have been especially marked by a deep spiritual interest and have resulted in the spiritual growth of young women. The Conversational Bible class, held on Saturday evening, has been a means of blessing to all attending it. Sometimes we have been discouraged, but have continued the work in hope, believing that the Master has been with us and that good results will follow. We have had a membership of 26 with an average of 8.

The work of the Membership Committee under Miss Goodfellow deserves mention. They have by various ways sought to increase the membership, which, owing to the financial stress of the past year, has been slightly decreased.

We feel sure that if our young women would pause and consider the importance of the work we are actually doing day by day as an Association they would be willing to make a sacrifice that the fee might be paid and the work not hindered.

Daily we come in contact with numbers of young women who, through our Society, are helped to higher and better things. The Social, Educational and Physical departments mean a growth on right lines to those reached, yet these departments cannot be carried on without prompt payment of the membership fee, for it is to that we look for the payment of daily expenses. Will you not, as members, think seriously of these matters?

You will feel interested we feel sure in the following statistics concerning our work:

Actual paid up membership May 1st, 1895, 398 new members and 218 renewals. Annual members 606, of these 450 are Active and 152 Associate, 20 Sustaining Members, 102 Life Members, 22 Honorary and 100 names still left on the books who may renew; total, 850.

Church representation—Methodist 197, Presbyterian 187, Episcopalian, 118, Baptist 52, Congregational 29, Catholic 20, Lutheran 6, Christian 2, Quakers 2, Disciples 2, Christadelphians 2, Jews 2, Salvation Army 2.

Occupations represented—Dressmakers, machine operators and seamstresses 74, stenographers 38, book-keepers 28, clerks 42, teachers 21, students 34, tailoresses 21, milliners 14, cashiers 7, composers 6, fur workers 7, nurses 18, housekeepers 11, domestics 77, factory employees 25, telephone girls 6, girls at home 135, married ladies at home 67.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Our most sanguine hopes have been realized this year in the class work, due, no doubt, to the excellent teachers, most of whom gave of their valuable time voluntary service for one or more hours each week. Much praise is due to them, indeed we feel that we cannot express our appreciation of their kindness.

We have had this season classes in Bible study, English literature, stenography, book-keeping, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, diction, reading and spelling. Then the domestic classes, plain cooking and household management, dressmaking, cutting and fitting, plain sewing, millinery and fancy work, also drawing. These have all been free to the members, while we have had special classes in music, both vocal and instrumental, elocution and physical culture.

Of the help given here to girls coming from their homes, from schoolrooms, offices, stores and factories it is difficult to speak; the widening of their mental horizon, the strengthening of better aspirations and the opportunity of making up what they have lost of early education.

The benefit derived by attendance in the gymnasium cannot be estimated. We have not been able to do as much in this department as we would have liked because of lack of funds for apparatus, etc., although a good evening class has been held all season, and Miss

Thompson has done all in her power to make the class helpful, and this year, as last, Drs. Davis and Thomas were the medical examiners for the girls. A director is needed for graded classes meeting at different hours, and not all in one class, as has been the case. Another department of our work which we trust will grow in helpfulness is the employment bureau. It has proved an invaluable means of drawing to our rooms both those who wish work and those who wish to employ workers. The following figures show that this department has ministered to the physical needs of our young women in a practical way.

We have during the past year had over 1,117 calls for help of various kinds; this may be divided into the following divisions:—81 housekeepers, 138 for office, or stores, 90 dressmakers and seamstresses, 274 nurses or housemaids, 426 cooks and generals, and 107 charwomen, while 536 have applied to us for the services of young women.

Work has been found for a large number. Many instances could be cited of direct personal help to young women. Their hearts have been cheered as they have told their troubles to a sympathizing member. Sometimes we can do no more than this, the wants are so numerous and the needs so varied, and again, there are many unpleasant features of this work when girls are unappreciative of help rendered; but we try not to see the discouragements and keep on, wishing often that we might do more.

The past year has seen a larger influx of girls and women into the city than ever before. This has made wages lower and work scarce and has caused us to say: "Oh that girls might receive a training in some line of work, thus fitting them to earn a living for themselves."

GENERAL OR SECRETARIAL WORK.

Much of this work is such as cannot be reported, kind words spoken here, work given there, a letter of introduction, a quiet chat, a giving of one's self constantly. We cannot tell of all these things, yet we know that the Master blesses the giver as well as the receiver.

Looking back we see much that might have been done, looking forward, the field is before us. It was our privilege to attend the International Y. W. C. A. Convention held in April of this year, where we realized as never before the force of our international motto: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith, the Lord of Hosts."

We have distributed 6000 circulars, sent out 2000 copies of the *Guild Gazette* every month, thousands of invitations to the different socials, concerts and Bible classes, written 413 letters, 795 postals, received 439 letters, 371 postals, made many calls, recommended to boarding houses 181, written 83 letters of introduction and have received 33. These letters are often very helpful. A young woman going away to a strange city carrying a letter of introduction to a Y. W. C. A. or a private individual feels that she is not alone, and we are glad to know that they are not disappointed. We correspond with young women who have gone from our city years ago but have never forgotten the help the letter given to them was nor the kindness received here.

We would like to tell of the many girls who have been helped and strengthened by the influence thrown around them here, but it is best

left with Him who knoweth all things. We are, we trust, established on a firm foundation, "Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone."

Our work is by young women for young women, personal effort and influence; Christian training and to benefit mutually all who come under our influence, so we beg of you to help us with your prayers, help us financially, help us with your sympathies.

We earnestly appeal to you to study the work in all its branches, read carefully the reports given by our different committees, recognize our many needs and then help us. We also ask for the co-operation of all our churches. In this busy city our pastors are always crowded with work and have not the time to give to each individual case as we try to do. May I take this opportunity of tendering my hearty thanks to all the members who have helped me with this work. May the blessing of the Master rest upon it all, and may we feel ourselves to be co-workers with Him, which is our glorious privilege.

MAY BAMBRIDGE, *Gen. Secretary.*

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

In making out a report of our work for the past year we are not without carefulness, as we do not wish to over-estimate or undervalue it. We know that God's word never returns to Him void, but accomplishes His purpose, and yet we feel that we have not been as faithful nor done as much as we might have, "in His Name." We would ask you to throw the mantle of charity over our failures, and pray that those that have the oversight of this part of the work (which we believe is the most important) during the year upon which we have entered, may have the abiding presence of the Master, and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all their work so that at the end of another year we may have to report greater results than ever before. The devotional committee was composed of twelve members who met monthly and arranged the following month's meetings. The devotional work carried on in our building is as follows: Monday evening a Bible talk; personal workers' class the same evening, from 7.30 to 8 o'clock; Mr. Blake's Bible class Saturday afternoon, and a Saturday evening Bible class led by the Secretary. Many requests have been presented for prayer at the different meetings, and we are glad to say that we have received many answers, and have been enabled to praise God for this.

We are very much indebted to the many friends who have so kindly helped us in our work, and take this opportunity of thanking them for their services. We have been favored with gospel addresses from Miss Winnie Macdonald, Mrs. McKillop, Miss Thompson, of the Methodist Deaconess' Home, Miss K. Price, General Secretary of the International Y.W.C.A. of United States and Canada, Miss Laidlaw, of the Indian School, Portage La Prairie, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Goforth, of China, Miss Breckon, Mesdames Marcon, Jackson and Revell, also

Messrs. Atkinson, (of the Boys' Industrial School, Mimico), Ashmore, Sangster, Rev. J. A. Morrison, and Prof. Brown, of the Delsarte College of Oratory. Mrs. Harvie gave us two very interesting addresses on her trip to the North-West. Our thanks are due to Mr. Pratt, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., for securing the services of Mrs. Geo. Needham for a Sunday afternoon meeting during the visit of herself and husband in the city last July. Later on we had the pleasure of listening to Miss Ben O'leil, a converted Jewess, who was on a visit to Canada, accompanied by her father and brother. The subject of her address was "The Daughters of Jerusalem," and the meeting was held on a Sunday afternoon in the large hall. In addition to the many friends already mentioned, we are glad to report that many of our active members gave us many helpful and instructive Bible readings. We feel sure that in helping others they have all been doubly helped themselves, and we trust that many more may be added to the number of those who shall help during this year."

Since the close of the Moody meetings, we have delivered about two hundred copies of Mr. Moody's book entitled "The Way to God," to those who gave in their names during the services, and have tried as far as possible to find out the church connection of those to whom the books have been delivered.

During the winter months a series of Saturday night gospel services were held, to which young women from different business houses were invited, and proved very helpful to those who availed themselves of the privilege. Last, but not least, we would mention the Bible class held on Sunday afternoon at the Island Rest during the summer.

May He, from whom all blessings flow, bless the work of the past year and lead us on to greater things in the future.

R. KELLY,
Convener.

REPORT OF RECEPTION AND INVITATION COMMITTEE.

I have much pleasure in herewith submitting a short report of the Entertainment and Reception Committee for the past year. We have endeavored to maintain the high standard in the character of entertainments furnished, and fully believe our efforts have been appreciated by the members generally and their friends. On all occasions we have had the hearty co-operation of the officers and members, and to the fact of all working together in harmony, may be ascribed the success which has attended our labors. Following the plan adopted, a series of Socials for Business Girls were held on Saturday evenings during the winter, all of which were successfully carried out. The first one was under the auspices of Cooke's Church Mission Band, they furnishing the programme and providing refreshments. The Young People's Society of Bloor St. Presbyterian Church had charge of the second reception, the King's Daughters' Circle of Elm Street Methodist

Church had charge of the third one, and the Advisory Board of the Guild of the fourth; all of which were much appreciated. A Strawberry Festival was held in June; a miscellaneous programme was furnished and a very pleasant hour spent.

On the opening of the classes in September, a reception was held for the new members. A reception was also held to welcome back Mrs. Harvie, after her tour in the North-West.

Early in October an invitation was extended to Lady Students and their friends, and met with an enthusiastic response—the Hall being filled to overflowing. The reception on New Year's Day almost exceeded our expectations—large numbers being present to hear the words of counsel and advice given by Hon. S. H. Blake and Rev. William Patterson. A solo, by Mrs. Patterson, was very much appreciated.

An entertainment was given by Grenville P. Kleiser. A concert by the Carlton Street Choir; also, one by the Sims Richards Family. The most successful entertainment was that given in April, by the pupils of the various classes.

By continuing these receptions and socials on even a more extended scale, we believe that greater prosperity will attend the Guild in all its workings. We shall be able to attract strangers within our gates, and, after having clearly set forth the aims and objects of our work, we shall undoubtedly be able to welcome many non-members into our fraternity.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Entertainment and Reception Committee.

NETTIE BENNETT,
Convener.

REPORT OF THE "WILLING TO BE" CIRCLE OF THE ORDER OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

We are glad to be able to tell of even a little of the Master's work which we have tried to do this year "In His Name." Our members are almost all busy girls, many living at a distance from the Guild, where our meetings are usually held, though for a time we tried meeting at one another's homes, thinking that it might be more social. Still, if we do not meet together as regularly as we would wish, we all belong to the Father and are pledged to work for Him. We have had helpful Bible Talks at each meeting and individual prayers.

For our work we have done whatsoever our hands found to do in helping those who are poor or suffering, and in trying to lead better lives ourselves. Many times we have wished that we had more of this world's goods when we heard of so many sad cases of destitution, but we have done what we could to relieve those who were especially under our care. We have paid the rent for one crippled woman who by hard work manages to do a little to help herself. We made up a quantity of baby clothes, which were loaned to a deserving woman left alone with a large family. We have also helped them with food and fuel,

and have done everything we could in the way of enlisting the sympathy of other kind friends, by whose help they have lived through what was a very severe winter. A large box of clothing was sent to us from Tavistock, containing a number of warm quilts and comforters which proved a boon to many in the cold weather. We also had parcels from Brussels and Malvern, all of which were distributed to the best advantage. At Christmas we held a pound social and gave out sixteen large baskets to those who received no other aid. A good deal of visiting has also been accomplished, some going regularly to the hospitals, gaol and reformatory.

In looking over the past year we seem to have done very little for the Master in comparison with what He has done for us, but even the little has been done "In His Name," and if we have helped in ever so small a measure to bring His Kingdom nearer to those who are lonely and sad, we shall have accomplished something.

L. HENRY, *Leader.*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT.

In making out our report we can scarcely realize that it is time to retrace our steps mentally over another year's work, twelve months for which we are responsible for our share in this great undertaking, and though it is not pleasant to review work wherein we have failed in doing all we anticipated, yet it often acts as a stimulus to greater efforts in the future and we feel it shall be so in this case.

We organized our Committee with 13 members on our list, planned well what we should do, taking as our work, calling upon absentees and looking them up, visiting the sick amongst our members, trying to secure new members and trying to get all the strangers who come into our Society acquainted with one another and thus making them feel at home.

We fully realized the importance of all this, for though our membership is large, the majority of those who come here have very little time at their disposal and wish to make good use of it, by taking advantage of the class work, they are not able to join, as they might wish to, in pleasant social intercourse with the many strangers who come in their way.

We want the lonely and troubled ones who so often enter our building to always find "a heart at leisure from itself to soothe and sympathize," even though our Secretary is busy, and we felt we had not always filled that place as we should have.

Now we know much has been done by some of our Committee in this part of our work and we feel that they shall always take more interest in strangers in the future, from the past year's experience in seeing the need there is for sympathy and help.

About 250 calls have been made by our Committee, some of which were delivering a number of Moody books for enquirers, left in our Secretary's charge, in all of which cases enquiries were made as to the spiritual condition of those receiving the book and what church they were attending.

We failed in holding our monthly meeting of Committee as we purposed, owing to the evenings being occupied so much it was difficult to find a night to suit all. Hoping the next Committee may have more time for the work, for which we shall pray especially,

We remain true friends of the work,

B. GOODFELLOW,
Convener.

REPORT OF GUILD REST.

The summer of '94 was in many respects the pleasantest we have spent at our summer home on Hanlan's Point. The Cottage was full from the first, and was much enjoyed by all. No one minded the crowding; sometimes as many as thirty were in the House at once.

Miss Card, who was in charge, spared no pains to make everything agreeable to all who came to inhale lake breezes and enjoy the privileges of our cottage. Some stayed the full two months, while others for a short time only. The cottage was opened July 3rd, and closed September 15th.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COTTAGE.

Iron bedstead, Mrs. Hunter; Knives and forks, Mrs. H. Webb; Curtains, Mrs. Loudon; Bedstead and mattress, Mrs. Bailey; Plants, Mr. Slight; Dishes, Mrs. Hough.

RECEIPTS.

Miss Maggie Joseph.....	\$ 15 00
Miss Tillie Joseph.....	5 00
Small sums.....	1 50
Board money.....	220 50
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EXPENDITURE.

Messrs. Pearson Bros., Rent.....	\$ 50 00
Moving expenses.....	6 50
Stove.....	5 00
Housekeeping expenses.....	180 50
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OUR EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

More has been attempted and accomplished during the past year in this part of our work than ever before. In no part of our Association are denominational and class distinctions so completely lost sight of as in this. Here all meet together with one purpose,—an earnest desire for self-improvement. Some are still continuing their studies, giving all their leisure to pursuit of useful knowledge. We cannot estimate the value of all this; our part is simply to provide the very best possible privileges for all who come to us.

Our heartiest thanks are due to the noble staff of teachers. We have not words to tell of their self-denying efforts on behalf of their pupils. In foul as well as in fair weather they have been faithful to their work. May the blessing of Him who knoweth all things rest upon each one of them.

A LIST OF CLASSES WITH NUMBER OF PUPILS AND TEACHERS.

General Improvement (including Reading, Grammar, Dictation, and Arithmetic); 42 pupils. Teachers, Misses Morton, Sutherland, and B. Walls.

Shorthand, 28 pupils. Teachers, Misses Bradshaw, Anderson and Faucks.

Shorthand, (Junior), 10 pupils. Teacher Miss McCallum.

Special speed Class, 18 pupils. Teachers, 1st term, Mr. W. S. Woods; 2nd term, Mr. J. Gripton.

Drawing Class, 18 pupils. Teacher, Miss Hegler.

Book-keeping, 40 pupils. Mr. A. W. Williams.

Book-keeping (Junior), 15 pupils. Teacher, Miss J. Miller.

Penmanship, 45 pupils. Teacher, Mr. J. A. Baker.

English Literature, 15 pupils. Teacher, Miss Ida Barber, B.A.

Dress-cutting and Fitting, 14 pupils. Teacher, Miss Crow.

Millinery, 2 terms, 60 pupils. Teachers, Mrs. Thornhill and Miss Parsons.

Fancy work, 30 pupils. Teacher, Miss Cottingham.

Dressmaking and Plain Sewing, 18 pupils. Teacher, Miss Rykert.

Plain practical cooking, 22 pupils, 1st term taught by friends; 2nd term, Miss Sawyer.

Vocal Class, 40 pupils. Teacher, Mr. H. M. Fletcher.

Orchestra, 16 pupils. Teacher, Mr. A. M. McKeown.

Elocution, 28 pupils. Teacher, Mrs. M. Brown.

Gymnasium, 35 pupils. Teacher, Miss M. Thompson.

Banjo and Guitar, 20 pupils. Teachers, Misses Sweetnam & Jones.

Instrumental Music, 80 pupils. Teachers, Mrs. Reid, Misses Ruthven, Spence, Sharpe, Rhemy, Patterson, Neeley, Malley and K. Bambridge.

OUR LIBRARY.

Our library now contains 730 volumes, an increase of 120 books. Of the money received from members whose books were detained longer than our rules allowed, \$11.65 have been expended on new books, by such authors as James Paton (whose life of John G. Paton is so interesting and instructive), S. and H. Warner, Annie Swan, Thackeray, Barrie, Wetheroll, etc. As the majority of the fines amount to but five cents, our friends will readily understand that it takes some time to have an amount on hand; but we are grateful for having been able to expend such a small sum to such advantage.

The members of the Committee have endeavored, as far as possible, to be in the library—not only during library hours, Monday and Friday evenings, from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—but during interim evenings and in this way have met many of our new members. During the year, 268 have taken advantage of the library privileges, and as there is no extra fee required for this, we will be pleased to see many more avail themselves of this opportunity.

It has also been very gratifying to have had such kindly and cheerful service given to myself by my Committee, who have assisted so ably in every possible way.

We have been unable to do all we would have wished and liked, but are grateful for any little good our efforts, as members of this Committee, have enabled us to accomplish.

Alice Maud Johnston,
Librarian.

"THE GUILD GAZETTE."

The seventh annual report of *The Guild Gazette* is in some respects the most important one of the seven. The changes which have taken place during the year just closed mark an era in its history.

Since our last report was issued *The Gazette* has donned a new garb and style, which, judging from the comments of its numerous friends, has made a very favorable impression. Still more important, it has made a change in its name by taking a partner. The too general title "*Gazette*" united to "*The Guild*" is much more appropriate and comprehensive. We trust the union will be for life, and a long and prosperous one too.

Then the fact that *The Gazette* has numbered seven years is very suggestive. We do not presume to claim for it all that the number seven signifies, but we have testimony which shows that its influence has

helped to brighten many homes and raised some to a higher plane in the Christian life. So if it has not reached the goal to which its seventh year points, it is certainly on the road to it, and that is something.

The financial depression which characterized the past year, engulfing many enterprizes which had taken years of toil to build, caused us no little anxiety. But thanks be unto God for the goodness and mercy which has enabled us to close the year free of debt.

We would take this opportunity to thank all the friends of *The Gazette* who have in any way contributed to its support, and we earnestly trust that they will renew their efforts during the coming year. Especially would we acknowledge the services of the Editor, whose time has been freely given for seven years "without money and without price."

RECEIPTS.

Advertisements.....	\$173 75
Subscriptions.....	308 86
General Fund.....	10 00
Total..	\$492 61

EXPENDITURE.

Printing	\$318 00
Delivery.....	33 23
Commission.....	94 25
Loan returned.....	46 00
Total.....	\$492 48
Balance	\$ 13
	\$492 61

During our Building Extension Sale

We Offer Solid Leather Club Bags from \$1.00 to \$1.50. Solid Deather Gladstone Bags from \$2 00 to \$2.50. Canvas Telescopes Cases from 90c. to \$1.35 Strongly made Trunk with Malleable Iron Corners and Compartment Trays from \$1.50 to \$3.30. Parasols ot any Price to clear. No Question about value here.

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TREASURER'S REPORT, 1894-'95.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the way in which He has led us, and for the sunshine that has brightened our path during the past year. Our hearts are filled with gratitude when we think how money has come to us; all current expenses have been met, and we privileged to close this report, as in former years, with a small balance to our credit.

Pressing forward with renewed vigor, we have much pleasure in presenting the following statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, May 1, 1894.....		\$ 13 93
Annual Members' Fees.....	\$601 50	
Sustaining " ".....	30 00	
Life " ".....	25 00	
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Educational Fees.....	338 60	
Employment Fees.....	37 75	
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Rent for Wm. Gooderham Hall.....	573 00	
" Rooms.....	233 50	
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Public Collections—		
Annual Meeting, May, '94.....	22 20	
Christian Endeavor Meeting, July, '94.....	2 51	
Class Opening Entertainment, Sept., '94.....	13 70	
Concert Collection, Dec., '94.....	10 10	
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General Contributions.....	768 50	
Special " per Hon. S. H. Blake's Bible class.....	60 00	
Bdg. Fund ".....	70 18	
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Proceeds of Concerts, Lectures, etc., etc.—		
Balance of Closing Concert, April, '94.....	23 60	
Strawberry Social, June, '94.....	35 55	
Medical Lectures.....	118 75	
Kleiser Recital, Oct., '94.....	68 75	
Sims Richards' Concert, Jan., '95.....	27 90	
Part proceeds Closing Concert, April, '95....	65 00	
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Board Money at Island Cottage.....		220 50
Sundries—		
Advertisements in Annual Reports.....	47 00	
Library Fines.....	11 65	
Sale of Stove.....	1 00	
" Orchestra Music.....	80	
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Proceeds of Gazette Acct.....		492 61
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Total Receipts.....		\$3912 58

EXPENDITURES.

By Canada Central Loan & Savings Co.....	\$1200 00	
Hamilton & Love, Ins. Inst	105 00	
Blake, Lash & Cassels, on acct. of hall chairs.....	60 00	
		\$1365 00
Consumers' Gas Co	141 97	
Bell Telephone Co	35 00	
Improvement Taxes.....	6 60	
Water rates.....	11 52	
		195 09
Elias Rogers & Co., coal acct. in full.....		254 95
G. P. Kleiser.....	30 00	
Sims Richards Family.....	20 00	
Massey Festival, piano rent.....	14 00	
Gazette Report, Commission on Annual Report..	11 50	
Gazette Printing Co.....	10 00	
Dudley & Burns, Printing.....	83 00	
		104 50
G. T. Bambridge, salary to date.....	300 00	
General Secretary, " "	500 00	
		800 00
McDonald & Wilson, gas stove for kitchen.....	22 98	
Utensils and material.....	12 02	
		35 00
H. M. Fletcher, Vocal Class.....	54 00	
A. M. McKeown, Orchestra Class.....	29 00	
Miss Thompson, Gymnasium "	30 00	
Miss Sawyer, Cooking "	20 00	
Mrs. F. Brown, Elocution "	20 00	
Miss Spence, Piano Lessons.....	10 00	
Mrs. Reid, " "	20 00	
Miss K. Bambridge, Organ Lessons.....	20 00	
Registration Fees returned to Bookkeeping Class	16 00	
" " " Shorthand "	13 00	
		232 00
Pearson Bros., Rent for Island Cottage.....	50 00	
Housekeeping Expenses at "	172 00	
Moving Expenses to "	6 50	
Stove for "	5 00	
		233 50
G. M. Stanley, Kalsoming and painting.....	12 00	
Moulding for Office Walls.....	5 00	
Painting Floors.....	1 50	
Cleaning Matting.....	7 60	
John Wright, Plumbing.....	5 75	
Geo. Pearsall, Locks, etc.....	80	
Coke.....	6 00	
General House-cleaning.....	8 00	
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Music for Vocal Class.....	2 98	
Books for Library.....	11 65	
Social Expenses.....		14 63
Cab Hire.....	8 10	
Moving Piano.....	2 00	
Railway Guide.....	1 00	
	3 00	
Stationery.....		14 10
Petty Sundries.....		23 42
Gazette Printing.....		18 93
		492 61
Total Expenditures.....		\$3893 38
Cash Balance.....		19 20
		\$3912 58

JESSIE S. MITCHELL, }
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GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Collected by Mrs. Harvie and Miss May Bambridge

T. Eaton.....	\$100 00	Samson, Kennedy & Co....	5 00
Blake, Lash & Cassels....	100 00	D. McCall & Co.....	5 00
Mrs. A. Fraser.....	30 00	Gowans, Kent & Co.....	5 00
Mrs. C. Cameron.....	25 00	H. J. Hammond.....	5 00
Hon. Geo. E. Kirkpatrick..	25 00	N. W. Hoyles.....	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Flavelle....	20 00	Wm. McKenzie.....	5 00
Gutta Percha Rubber Co..	10 00	The Mail.....	5 00
D. Morrice & Co.....	10 00	R. Simpson & Co.....	5 00
Donogh & Oliver.....	10 00	Jones Bros. & MacKenzie.	5 00
Mrs. H. Gooderham.....	10 00	Mrs. Stephen Heward....	5 00
Mrs. Geo. A. Cox.....	10 00	" G. Gooderham.....	5 00
E. B. Osler.....	10 00	Canadian Rubber Co.....	5 00
Mrs. R. Kilgour.....	10 00	Mrs. G. J. Cook.....	5 00
J. L. Spink.....	10 00	Geo. Kappelle.....	5 00
McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin		E. W. Cox ..	5 00
& Creelman, per W. B.		Theron Gibson.....	5 00
Raymond.....	5 00	Frank ^d Benjamin.....	5 00
Hon. Frank Smith	5 00	E. J. Perkins.....	5 00
W. D. Matthews & Co....	5 00	Miss Walker, Orillia	3 00
Charles Cockshutt & Co...	5 00	Hutcheson, Dignam & Nes-	
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Lailey, Watson & Co.....	5 00	Steele, Marcon & Briggs..	3 00
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		H. W. Blackstock.....	3 00

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John Macdonald & Co.....	\$ 2 00
Brown Bros.....	2 00
A Friend.....	2 00
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Collected by Miss B. Mitchell.

Wm. Davies.....	\$ 5 00
Robert McFarlane.....	1 00
Wm. Mara.....	1 00
G. M. Toy.....	1 00
I. J. Breakwell.....	1 00
A Friend.....	50
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Miscellaneous.

On Building Fund Account—	
S. C. Duncan Clark.....	\$30 00
Charles Pearson.....	25 00
Closing Bank Account..	13 08

Furnishing Fund..... 2 10

For the Island Cottage— \$70 18

Miss M. Joseph..... \$15 00

Miss T. Joseph..... 5 00

Small amounts..... 1 50

\$21 50Hon. S. H. Blake's Teach-
er's Bible Class..... \$60 00Hon. S. H. Blake, special
for Kitchen Furnishings. 30 00
\$90 00

Mrs. Crowe, on Systems.. \$12 00

Special from a Friend..... 6 00

Rich. Brown, for Ann. Rep. 2 00

Mr. Mace " 1 00

\$21 00

Total \$898 68

PERIODICALS ON FYLE.

List of magazines and papers received and kept on fyle for our members: The Christian Guardian, The Presbyterian Review, The Canada Presbyterian, The Canadian Baptist, The Endeavor Herald, Truth, The Methodist Magazine, The Christian Witness, The McMaster University Monthly, The Missionary Link, The Faithful Witness and Missionary Echo, China's Millions, Saturday Night, Ladies' Journal, The Canadian Magazine, The Canadian Churchman, The Week, Toronto; The Mail and Empire, The Evening Telegram, The Evening Star, Toronto; The Economist, Markham; The Friend of the Friendless, Women's Journal, Ottawa; Ladies' Home Journal, Ladies' Home Companion, Philadelphia; The Silver Cross Magazine, Far and Near, The Open Window, The Jewish Christian, New York; The Invalid Visitor, Williamstown, N.Y.; Our Young People, Toledo, Ohio; Women's Column, Boston; The Y.W.C.A. Evangel, Chicago; Review of the Work, Pittsburg; Review of Reviews, Girls' Own Paper, London, Eng.; The House-keeper; Popular Astronomy; Christian Alliance; The Trained Nurse and Hospital Review; Record of Christian Work; The Golden Rule.

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