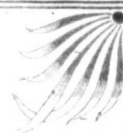


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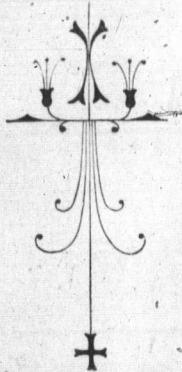
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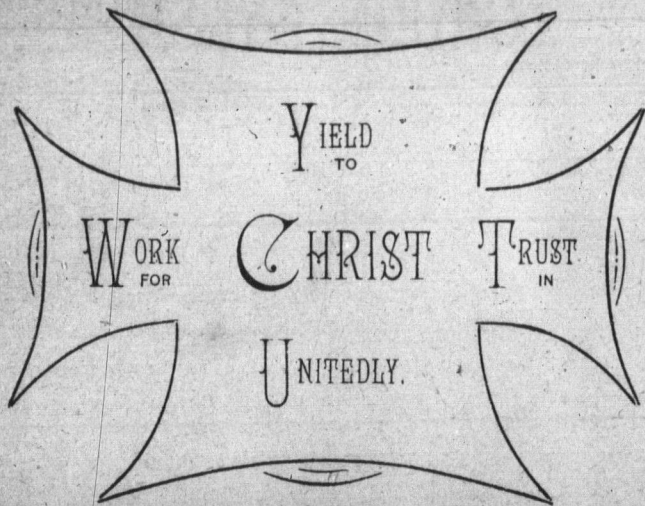
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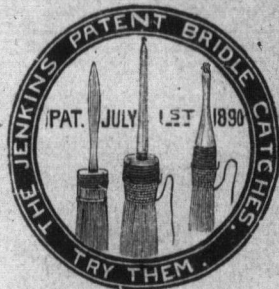


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Report of the General Secretary.

IN REVIEWING another year's work, we cannot but feel that our rooms have been a factor for good in our city, and that the advantages which young women enjoy here, though not all that we could desire for them, have been of inestimable value to many. This encourages us to go forward, while hoping for better things.

Influence cannot be tabulated in figures, nor estimated by words, but the following figures show that our efforts to establish and maintain central rooms for the young women of our city, are becoming more widely known and appreciated. The total attendance for the year has been 16,118, of which 12,186 visited the rooms during the day; 6,514 were present at the lunch hour, and 3,932 attended in the evening; 624 calls were made in the interests of the work, and 1,547 received.

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Our rooms have been, as in former years, the meeting place of several organizations engaged in good work, such as the Women's Christian Association, city branch of the Order of King's Daughters, Local Council of Women, and the Orphans' Home Board, for a portion of the year.

The Housekeeper's Mission, in connection with our Y. W. C. A., has, through the kindness of the housekeepers, of London, who have remembered it when putting down their fruit, continued its good work of supplying canned fruit, jellies, etc., to the sick and poor of our city, who are unable to procure them for themselves. It seems a small thing to lay aside out of one's abundance, each season, a few jars of fruit for those less fortunate, and yet it sometimes means very much to those who receive it, and whose hearts are gladdened by the thought, that some one cares for them.

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During the month of February, our rooms presented a scene of busy activity, when Miss Fraser (graduate of the Toronto School of Cookery) conducted a school of cookery under our auspices. Practice lessons in superior cookery were given in the mornings; intermediate cookery in the afternoons; demonstration lessons on one afternoon and two evenings of each week. Much interest was taken in the school by the ladies of London, and the classes were well attended. As a result, our treasury was enriched to the amount of \$50.50.

A Canadian evening was held in the auditorium, in March, when Mr. Frank Yeigh, of Toronto, delivered his celebrated Picture Travel Talk on "Canada," illustrated by over 100 superb views. A fine musical programme was furnished by Mr. Roselle Pockocke, Miss Campbell, of Winnipeg, and Miss Walker. A matinee, held in the afternoon for school children, was largely attended. Both audiences were delighted with Mr. Yeigh's entertainment which was also a financial success.

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LOOKING back over the work of the past year, though our path has been beset with many difficulties, yet we see many reasons for thankfulness, that we have been enabled to carry on this much needed work for young women. We realize more and more, each year, that the Young Women's Christian Association, which aims to do for young women what the Young Men's Christian Association aims to do for young men, viz.: to develop them physically, socially, mentally, and spiritually, is filling one of the greatest needs of our day, and deserves liberal support and sympathy.

The thought of the worthiness of our cause encourages us to go hopefully forward, looking for wider expansion of our work as people become better acquainted with its scope and usefulness.

Many changes have occurred in our ranks, during the past year, by the withdrawal of several of our active members, who have formed other and dearer ties, and by the removal of some to other cities. But their loss numerically, has been greatly over balanced by a constant increase of new members—sixty in all.



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Our library and magazine table are greatly appreciated by the members, especially by those who spend their lunch hour in the rooms, and snatch a few moments for quiet reading.

The business meetings of the Association have been held on the first Saturday evening of each month, when reports are presented from the Treasurer and conveners of the various committees. We seek to encourage the members, by these meetings, to take an active interest in the work of the Association, and in the discussions which arise from time to time.

The classes, formed at the beginning of the season, continued to meet regularly throughout the year. On Tuesday evenings, educational classes in grammar, composition, reading and spelling were conducted by Miss Coral McNaughton, who kindly tendered her services, and was an efficient and faithful teacher.

The Bible class also met on Tuesday evenings for the study of God's Word, Mrs. Kennedy, who had so ably led the class during the previous year and whose earnest and helpful teachings had endeared her to the members, was compelled, by illness, to give up the leadership. The class was continued by Miss Jarvis and Miss Trebilcock, when the International Sunday School lessons were studied, and much benefit was derived from these weekly gatherings for Bible study and Christian intercourse.

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A choral class, organized in October, under the capable leadership of Mrs. F. H. Moore, assembled on Thursday evenings until March, when it was brought to a close by a grand concert in aid of "Summerholm."

A "First Aid" class, under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association, was formed in April; 25 joined the class and attended the lectures. Five lectures were given by Dr. H. Stevenson, on "First Aid to the Injured," with practice lessons on the Triangular Bandage and its Application. Out of the 16 members of the class who tried the examination, 14 were successful, and received their certificates. We are grateful to Dr. Niven, Dr. McLaren, and Dr. H. Stevenson, for aiding us to form the class, and for giving the lectures, and conducting the examination.

In connection with our school of cookery, demonstration lessons were given by Miss Fraser, to members and friends on Monday and Friday evenings of each week, when a course of lessons on the proper preparation of bread, vegetables, egg dishes, jellied meats, desserts, pastry, jellies, salads, and cakes, was given.

The Association was favored, this year, with a visit from Miss Botterell, Corresponding Secretary of the Dominion Y. W. C. A.; who, together with Miss Winnie Macdonald, Recording Secretary of the same organization, addressed a meeting for young women, in our rooms. Both addresses were earnest and helpful, and calculated to deepen the spiritual life, and arouse an interest in the Y. W. C. A.

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Miss Botterell also addressed a public meeting, when the aims and objects of the Y. W. C. A. and its need of encouragement and practical sympathy were admirably presented to an interested audience.

Literary evenings have been held monthly, on Saturday evenings, when we have sought to give our members a taste for what is best in literature, and to extend their mental view by reading and discussing with them selections from the works of eminent authors. Among the readings last winter were: Shakespeare's "King Lear," Shelley's "To a Sky-lark," Wordsworth's "Cuckoo" Upon Westminster Bridge, "She was a Phantom of Delight," Dicken's "Christmas Stories," and Longfellow's "Tales of a Way-side Inn," which formed the subject for several evenings.

Besides these distinctly literary evenings, the following interesting and instructive talks were given by prominent men and women: Travel talks—"Trip to Lake Superior," a graphic description of a recent journey, with exhibition of geological specimens collected en route by the lecturer, Dr. Woolverton, professor of geology in the Western University; "Historic Scenes of Canada," with views and photographs of the important places visited, Miss Priddis; "Trip Through Canada When a Girl," an entertaining description of the perils of travelling in our North West before the days of railways, Mrs. Boomer. These talks on our native land was supplemented by Mr. Frank Yeigh's celebrated "Picture Travel Talk on

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Canada," to which many of our members were privileged to listen. Medical talks — "The Digestive Organs," illustrated by charts, Dr. Balfour; "Teeth, their Formation and Care," Dr. Woolverton; "Nursing," Dr. Niven. Another Saturday evening was profitably spent in listening to the reports of our delegates to the Y. W. C. A. conference, held in Hamilton. Many useful hints were gleaned of the methods and plans of other associations, as well as of the progress of the Y. W. C. A., throughout the Dominion.

In our social department we seek, at all times, to throw around the young women who gather in our rooms, the atmosphere of home, and to bind them together irrespective of class, creed, or nationality, in a common sisterhood of service. Our monthly re-unions for members and friends have helped greatly to cultivate and develop the social side of our natures, and to win others to take an interest in our organization. These have been both varied and interesting, as the following samples of our social evenings will show:

According to established custom, in our Y. W. C. A., a Thanksgiving tea was held on Thanksgiving evening when members and friends gathered around the well-spread and tastefully decorated tables. After tea the following toast list was responded to: "Y. W. C. A., as a Home," "Our King's Daughter's Circle," "Lookout," "Reception," "Membership," and "Bible Study" committees. The question, "What has the Association done for you?" asked of each one, in turn,



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around the table, elicited many encouraging and grateful remarks as to the benefits derived from the Association. Progressive conversation on "Things to be thankful for," "Favorite holiday," "Friendship," and "Summerholm," brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Hallowe'en was celebrated right royally in masquerade, games, and in doing justice to the apples, pop-corn and taffy, provided by the refreshment committee.

Another reception took the form of an evening with "Josiah Allen's Wife," when selections from her works were read, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

A floral evening was held in May, when the rooms were prettily decorated with flowers and plants. Floral quotations were given by all present, and stories, poems, or allegories were read or told about different flowers. The solving of floral conundrums caused much merriment.

Wishing to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, a Jubilee evening was held, in June, when the rooms were gaily decked with flags, bunting and chinese lanterns. The Diamond Jubilee Waltz was played, vocal solos and choruses, consisting of "Hail Victoria," "Where'er St. George's Banners Wave," and "The Maple Leaf," were heartily sung. Readings were given on the "Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria," and on "What Victoria has seen." Bright and informal gatherings have also been held, when games have been played, or a musical and literary programme provided, and fruit, ice cream, or other light refreshments served.

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Twenty families have been visited and supplied with clothing. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, baskets were distributed to needy families, and 50 pounds of flour and 10 of oatmeal were also given away. A large packing box is kept in the rooms, filled with clothing, made and kept in repair by the different circles for distribution to those in need. Quilts have been pieced and quilted for the poor.

"Sunshine," a circle of small girls, has made a quantity of clothing, consisting of babies' gowns and other garments. In March, the circles gave a tea to the children of the poor families whom they had visited, and afterwards entertained the little ones with music and games.

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We are glad to report a very successful season at "Summerholm," the Association's pleasant outing-home, at New Orchard Beach, Port Stanley. The average number staying at "Summerholm," during July, was from 18 to 20 each week, and it was comfortably filled during August. Twenty-seven new members joined the Association to have the privilege of going to "Summerholm." The board being only \$1.50 a week, places it within the reach of all young women. Many ailing ones gained health and vigor, and all returned to their labors refreshed and invigorated by their sojourn at "Summerholm."

We paid off this season our indebtedness on the pump—our only remaining debt, and are now free to raise money for the verandahs, which will add greatly to the appearance and comfort of "Summerholm."

In March, with the kind assistance of Mrs. F. H. Moore, a concert, which was a great success, was held in our rooms in aid of "Summerholm," and as a result, a tidy little sum was added to the pump fund. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Moore and to all those who, by taking part in the programme, aided her in bringing the concert to so successful an issue. The Y. W. C. A. monthly contributions, with other contributions from kind friends, also helped to diminish the debt on the pump.

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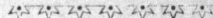
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gramme, and the concert was a great success, artistically, numerically, and financially, netting \$40.00 as a nucleus for verandahs. A number of useful wooden articles were also donated to "Summerholm" by those who attended the concert. We take this opportunity of thanking those who so kindly arranged the concert, or assisted in the programme.

We realize more and more each year what "Summerholm" means to many of the young women of our city, and how wisely they were led, who planned and made it a reality. We would again thank those friends who, by their practical sympathy, enabled us to buy the land and build "Summerholm." Now that house and land are paid for, all our energies will be directed towards improving it, and making it more comfortable and home-like by adding verandahs, enlarging the kitchen, and building two more necessary rooms.

So we come to the close of the records of another year's work, and enter upon a new untried year with these words of the "good, gray poet" echoing in our ears and embodying our aims:

"If there be some weaker one,
Give us strength to help her on;
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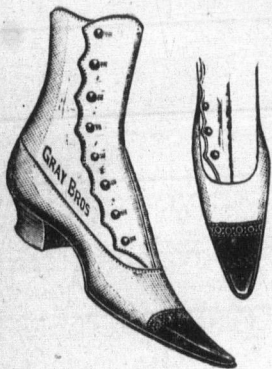
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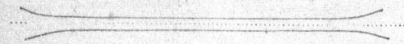
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" Curtains.....	1 25
" Book covers.....	75
" Two panes of glass.....	2 00
" House-cleaning.....	1 00
" Heal & Fleming.....	1 50
" E. N. Hunt.....	30
" Free Press.....	62
" Advertiser.....	64
" N. F. Yeo.....	25
" Sundries.....	4 81
" Subscription to "Evangel".....	50
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	\$ 92 26
Balance.....	\$ 2 33
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Total.....	\$ 94 59

"Summerholm" Financial Statement.

FROM NOVEMBER, 1896, TO NOVEMBER, 1897.



RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last year.....	\$13 27
" Amount subscribed in stock.....	7 00
" " contributions.....	8 00
" " "Summerholm" concert	14 20
" " wooden anniversary, Port Stanley.....	40 00
" " monthly contributions, Y. W. C. A.	5 55
" " commutation ticket.....	45
" " collection Y. W. C. A.	1 50
" " balance maintenance fund.	4 37
" " interest.....	46
Total.....	\$94 80

• DISBURSEMENTS.

By digging well and putting in pump ..	\$40 00
" Blocks.....	1 25
" Advertising.....	1 38
" Taxes.....	6 50
" Postage.....	06
" Money Order.....	10
" Balance.....	45 57
Total.....	\$94 80



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