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ACTIVE WORK OF KINGSTON WOMEN FOR BENEFIT OF COMMUNITY

More than a century has elapsed since the women of Kingston first banded themselves together for organized services to their community. About 1820 women, who were active church workers, felt the need for a society which would embrace all women interested in the progress of the Kingston, so the Female Benevolent Society was formed with Mrs. George O'Kill Stuart, Mrs. John Machar, Mrs. Samuel Muckleston, Mrs. Robert D. Cartwright, Mrs. John Macpherson, Miss Macdonald, (a sister of Sir John) as members of this memorable committee. We smile to-day at the quaint name of this, the mother of the societies that have done valiant work for Kingston. We see the members walking in their flowing gowns and shady hats, or even more demure bonnets, through the Kingston streets, then famous for their maddy condition, carrying baskets of dainties to the poor and sick with (shall we dare say it) a bottle of port wine for the old and feeble. They never dreamed of having the vote, much less of assisting in the government of their country; a university course for women was unheard of in Canada, and yet who will say that women who were progressive enough to form Kingston's first women's society, would not approve of the forward steps taken by the daughters of their town. Shortly after the F.B.S. was formed, a Roman Catholic society, called the Ladies' Benevolent Society, was organized by Bishop Gauthier for work among the poor in connection with the Sisters of St. Joseph. From those beginnings we have the numerous women's societies, some of the representatives of which adorn this page of our Christmas number.

In 1895, Mrs. Arthur Vancouver came from Toronto, and at "Sunnyside," where Colonel (now General) Victor Williams lived, Kingston's first chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire was formed. Mrs. E. T. Taylor, whose husband was then commandant of the Royal Military College, was elected regent, Mrs. Henry Burstall, now Lady Burstall, was the second regent of the Municipal Chapter and Mrs. John Bell Carruthers, the present regent, the third. The regents of primary chapters are: Cataragui, Mrs. W. H. Macnee; La Salle, Mrs. T. M. Asselstine; Annadale, Mrs. G. Hunter Oglvie; Prince Charlie, Mrs. Travers Hora; The George Richardson, Mrs. James T. Sutherland; Victory, Miss Marion Oglvie; Miss Laura Kibborn, 1st vice-regent of Victory Chapter, has been acting as regent during Miss Oglvie's absence from Kingston and has done splendid work.

Fight White Plague.
To the I.O.D.E. goes the honor of having been the first Kingston organization to fight the dreaded "white plague," tuberculosis. Speakers were brought by them to Kingston to form public opinion in regard to the infectious nature of the disease. First one shack and then two, were erected in the grounds of the General Hospital for the isolation of tubercular patients, and one was afterward removed to the present site of Mowat Sanatorium. A nurse was appointed to visit cases in the homes, and a fund, which is still kept up, was raised to provide milk and eggs for patients who could not afford to buy necessities when ordered to do so by their doctor. When the Great War broke out, the I.O.D.E. was ready for service, and by 1915, \$1,700 was raised for hospital work. Mrs. Carruthers, whose sons were at the front, left for England, and Mrs. H. Ramsay Duff, the first vice-regent of the municipal chapter took her place and was most self-sacrificing and efficient. Many calls were met, and the I.O.D.E. was always foremost in assisting the men overseas and sending them comforts.

When they came back, leaving their youth and health in France, the chapters, one and all, brought comfort and cheer to them in the hospitals. As a tribute to the men who gave all to their country the I.O.D.E. of Canada decided to raise a war memorial fund for the education of the returned men or their children. The fund was raised before the Canadians of future generations the part Canada played in the world war. The Kingston chapters have contributed more than \$5,000 to this fund. Two Queen's graduates have taken advantage of the overseas scholarships—Watson

Kirkconnell, who is now on the staff of the University of Manitoba and Hartly Thomas, who is at present at Oxford. One of the Canadian bursaries is at Queen's University and Horace Maybee is the student chosen to receive the advantage it gives. War pictures, reproductions of the paintings selected by the government for the National Gallery at Ottawa, are to be placed in the schools and Kingston will soon receive her allotment. Miss W. Gordon, Kingston, is educational secretary of the provincial chapter.

Elected Cenotaph.
The most recent undertaking of the Kingston chapters is the erection of a cenotaph in memory of the men of Kingston who fell in the great war. The Cross of Sacrifice, made of limestone, will stand in Macdonald Park seen by generations of travellers on Canada's great waterway and the children of the oldest city in Ontario will learn from it of their fathers' service and sacrifice.

The Kingston branch of the Ontario Division of the Red Cross is represented on this page by its president, Mrs. John Carson. The Red Cross was formed in Kingston during the South African war and some work was done at that time. When the call to arms came to the men of Canada in 1914, the women prepared to send the necessary supplies after them to the training camps in England and later to the hospitals in France and the east. The late Mrs. Iva Martin was president of the Red Cross and the work was at once organized. Rooms were secured in the old medical building at Queen's University and the women of Kingston gathered there day by day until it seemed as if every one was a member of the society. Mrs. Martin went overseas and again Mrs. H. R. Duff, as first vice-president stepped into the responsibility of the leadership of an important society. Later she became president, held office for the duration of the war, and is still on the executive. With her as her able lieutenant was Miss Marion Redden, the secretary and for some time the treasurer as well. Packing boxes for overseas, thinking of the comforts the lonely lads so far from home would need, and carrying on the work untiringly, few women can claim to have had a more active share in work behind the lines than Miss Redden. The work of the Red Cross is so often an emergency one that it is hard to gauge its usefulness. When in the fall of 1922 word came that the people of Northern Ontario had been made destitute by the dreadful fire that destroyed their homes, the Kingston Red Cross was the rallying centre for the people of the city who were anxious to send aid to the sufferers. Bales and boxes were quickly packed and the organization excellent. The care of the returned men in the hospitals and the provision of pleasures for them have been faithfully carried out by the local branch. Scales have been provided for the schools so that under-nourished children can be weighed by the school nurse.

Victorian Order of Nurses.
The work of the Victorian Order of Nurses was organized in Kingston about twenty-six years ago by Lady Aberdeen, and of the committee formed then, only Mrs. Oberndorffer, a charter member, and J. B. Walkem, K.C., the treasurer, are still living. The committee and the citizens are fortunate in having two splendid nurses, Mrs. F. Reid Robinson and Miss Leeder. Their work is unending and no call day or night finds anything but a ready kindly response. A welfare station with two clinics a week held by Dr. Day, who for the last five years has given his services free of charge to this splendid work, is under their care. More than 2,000 visits a year are paid to the station by mothers and their children. A sewing class for children is held every Saturday, and advice and help given to every one in need. Bedding, clothing and work are supplied to those in want of these necessities who never seem to tire of helping others.

The Catholic Women's League, the largest lay women's society of the Roman Catholic church, was organized locally in January, 1921, with Mrs. Fergus O'Connor as president of the arch-diocese of King-

ston. Mrs. O'Connor has since organized twenty subdivisions of the society in the arch-diocese and was re-elected as diocesan president this year.

Miss Ida Ronan is associated in the minds of the people of Kingston with the Children of Mary's Poor Relief Society, of which she is president. She is also a member of the Mother's Allowance Board and one of the vice-presidents of the Local Council of Women. The latter organization was formed in Kingston in 1894 by the Countess of Aberdeen, with the late Mrs. Hugh Fraser as president, an office which she held for eighteen years. The vice-presidents were Mrs. James Swift, Mrs. Buxton Smith, Mrs. R. T. Walkem. Miss Machar was corresponding secretary, Miss Martha Smith recording secretary, and Mrs. William Skinner treasurer. Miss Mowat is the president. Twenty-two societies are affiliated in the Kingston Local Council and much good work has been accomplished. Domestic science was introduced into the city schools by the influence of the council, the appointment of police matron, the Travelers Aid work carried on for several years, and the appointment of a milk inspector are among the results of the presence of the Local Council in our midst.

Women on Local Boards.
A member of the council, for some years its president, Mrs. John Macgillivray, was the first woman acting on the Kingston Board of Health, and in 1922 Mrs. D. A. Volume, a member of the executive, was on that important civic board. Miss Mowat and Mrs. Alexander Newlands served as school trustees, the first women to fill this office in Kingston. Miss Mowat, as well as filling the office of president of the Local Council of Women, is first vice-president of the Kingston Historical Society and was for a year president of Queen's Alumnae Association. Mrs. John Macgillivray, the president of the Woman's Liberal Association, is also a member of that society which was formed in 1911 by Queen's women graduates. Mrs. G. Hunter Oglvie, regent of Annadale Chapter, I.O.D.E., is also president of the Woman's Liberal-Conservative Association and was during the war superintendent of St. John's Ambulance Nursing Division for district No. 3. This society did valiant work in the military hospitals and during the epidemic of influenza. Miss Ronan as secretary was most efficient. Mrs. John McKay is president of the Woman's Aid of Kingston General Hospital, a society which provides necessities of the hospital, and many comforts of its members. Miss Agnes Doolan, as president of the Orphan's Guild of St. Mary's-of-the-Lake, has been instrumental in aiding the sisters in the care of the Roman Catholic orphans. She has a splendid committee of energetic women who help her in this excellent work.

King's Daughters.
A Kingston society which has done much for the city is The King's Daughters, of which Miss Gertrude Strange is president. There are three circles in the city union, the Charity, the Victoria and the Lead-a-hand. The Charity circle is responsible for that splendid institution, the Food and Fuel Club, which has done untold good in teaching thrift to our poorer citizens, especially those who have come to us from the old land. The members of the circle collect weekly small sums by visiting the homes. Last year two hundred were on the list and small sums are collected which are given back to the people in the form of food and fuel bought to the best advantage. The society is in its twenty-ninth year and in that time more than \$30,000 has been saved by the people of Kingston through the Charity Circle of The King's Daughters. Two per cent. interest is paid on all money passing through the society. As well as this excellent work Christmas dinners are given when needed, to the struggling ones who are looked upon as real friends by the girls and women who trouble to call weekly for their savings. The Victoria circle keeps a special eye on the General Hospital, giving a yearly Christmas tea to the patients. Five years ago the Girl Guide movement was organized in King-



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