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boxes of warm clothing. Disaster brings out the best side of human nature so the fire at "Falconwood" made everyone eager to help in any way possible.

Our educational work goes on with greater interest. Keeping in touch with Mr. McNutt, our overseas scholar, appointing a new one to take his place, Mr. Chandler—interesting ourselves in Marie Clarke who is taking this year's Bursary work at Dalhousie—giving prizes to the schools and donating children's books to the library.

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As parents and citizens who have suffered from the past, we feel that we can endorse any scheme for improvement, perhaps a "High School" to bridge the present gulf, and an adequate "normal training" could be worked out by educationists without adding greatly to the present cost.

Perhaps one of the most interesting of our activities is the work among soldier settlers. Never before has it been gone into more thoroughly and completely than this year. With the hard times these families have had more trials than usual and we have tried to reach every home with a kindly helping hand.

There is an old adage "Money is the root of all evil," rather, we say the need of it is.

No organization can be carried on without funds. We do not wish to go backwards but forward so when the time for a special effort comes we should put our shoulder to the wheel and make money for our work.

One thing I would like to suggest for the "Royal Edward" chapter this year is that we have an "Endowment Fund" of our own and put aside 25 per cent of our earnings to that fund, so that when any emergency arises we will have money ready.

In looking back over a year the saddest part is in recalling the faces who are gone never more to return. We have not words to say how much we regret the loss of one of our most loyal councillors and workers, Mrs. F. J. Nash. She was ever ready and cheerful to do her part. I feel her loss not only to the chapter but as a very dear friend.

It brings home to us how short a time we have in which to do a kind act, give a kind word, or to keep our hearts from bitterness.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your co-operation. I have enjoyed working with you and in continuing as regent will hope for the same understanding and a fuller year of usefulness for the Chapter. If we cannot see "eye to eye" in all things we can seek our differences for the best in Empire work. That means being better

citizens, better mothers, better daughters and better friends. (Signed) Mary L. Mathieson

ANNUAL REPORT—R. E. CHAP. I. O. D. E.

Madam Regent and Ladies: I have the honor to present the 31st, annual report of Royal Edward Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

During the year we have held 9 regular meetings, with an average attendance of 24 members, this average does not convey the information that the attendance at meetings this year has been better than for many years one stormy day having considerably pulled down the average. Five executive meetings have been held, and the attendance at the weekly Monday afternoon meetings has been so encouraging as to receive favorable comment, especially since the decision to convert these meetings into sewing to patch, darn, and renew garments to send to needy families.

The 30th anniversary of the organization of Royal Edward Chapter in April 1901 was held in the O. N. R. Hotel on St. George's Day. During dinner the Regent read a short address bringing to the notice of present day members the names of the ladies responsible for the beginnings of our chapter, two of whom, though not now members, were present as guests—Mrs. Longworth and Mrs. Warburton. In November instead of the regular sale of tea, Trafalgar Day was celebrated when the Regent opened her home to members for afternoon tea, materials which the sewing committee had on hand were also placed on sale and disposed of.

The annual meeting of the National Chapter was held at the Nova Scotian in Halifax in the last week in May, and this chapter was represented by the Regent and two delegates—the Secretary, and the Prov. Ed. Secretary. Reports of that annual meeting were made at our regular June meeting. Mrs. W. C. S. MacLure was also appointed to represent this chapter at the annual meeting of the Canadian Branch of the League of Nations Society which was held in Ottawa in March.

In educational matters, the chapter has shown an ever growing interest. Mr. Stewart MacNutt has been succeeded by Mr. Bramwell Chandler as Overseas scholar, Miss Marie Clark's bursary has been renewed, and Miss Clark remembered with substantial help because of her long illness. The surplus War Memorial pictures, in storage until now, were distributed to rural schools, 31 books for children's reading have been placed in the Public Library in addition to those already donated, and an examination on "The Work of the League of Nations as an Aid to World Peace" was successfully conducted in the senior grades of the public schools. A resolution was forwarded advocating that the committee in charge of the Sara Maxwell prizes be advised to instruct children taking part in those competitions, that a hero or heroine does not necessarily mean a person holding a war-time record—that peace has its heroes and heroines too. In view of the subject offered for the competition immediately following this resolution, it would seem to have had the desired effect. Another resolution advocating that Daylight Saving be made general by Federal law, does not seem to have yet had any result.

The support of the chapter has been solicited for and promised to the following projects: Petition re Disarmament by International Agreement. A Gymnasium or Hall for Girl's Work. A Family Welfare Bureau.

In reference to the last item, the chapter received a visit from Miss Anstey who represented The Canadian Council on Child Welfare of which Council this chapter is a member. Members were keenly interested in Miss Anstey's proposal, voting a sum of \$200 to its promotion. Two delegates, Mrs. E. M. Bagnall and Mrs. W. M. Brehaut, were named to represent the chapter at any meetings on this subject.

Our chapter has been honored in having our Regent, Mrs. J. A. Mathieson, appointed a member of the National Endowment Fund Committee, and Mrs. F. S. Wilkins has been nominated by both Island chapters I. O. D. E., as acting Provincial Convener of League of Nations work.

We have been reminded as an Imperial Order to further National welfare by buying Empire products, and our rooms are decorated with Empire Buying posters. Members should ever keep in mind to ask when making any purchase, or especially when ordering magazines:—"Is it an Empire product?" Money making activities have included: Sale of calendars, afternoon tea and sale, sale of playing cards, bridge at C. N. R., Rose Day sale. The net receipts for the Rose Day Sale are gratifying because the sale was postponed and was finally carried on after an unusually large number of calls on the public purse; and the result was especially gratifying when we remember that out of 77 members only 30 people sold roses and not all of these were Daughters. It is interesting too to note that about half the total amount was brought in by 4 people—2 teams of 2 each. What could we not do if the whole membership took part next Rose Day?

Contributions to worthy projects included: Work in India, Veterans' Institute, R. N. W. M. P., League of Nations, Child Welfare, Stewart Endowment Fund, Education Committee for prizes in public schools, League of Nations for prizes in public schools, Christmas parcels, sailor's home in Halifax, Welfare Bureau, emergency fund for Executive.

While Royal Edward Chapter is ever ready to help in any time of need rarely have we been called upon for such organized help as we were glad to be able to render during the emergency created by the Falconwood fire in January.

National holidays have been celebrated as usual—Paardeburg Day, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, King's Birthday; on Armistice Day an invitation was accepted from St. James Church to be present at a special service of remembrance for the B. E. S. L. The wreath of poppies from the chapter was placed by Mrs. Victor Goodwill.

Greetings were sent at the Christmas season to sick members, and to the infant son of Lord and Lady Bessborough; flowers were sent as an expression of sympathy to Mrs. Neil MacLeod, who has so long served the Daughters on the Committee of Selection in connection with War Memorial work. We have again the sad duty of recording the removal by death from our midst of two valued members—Mrs. Jas. Peake and Mrs. F. J. Nash. Words fail to convey the sadness and feeling of loss which we sustain when these recurring blanks in our membership list are called to mind; the deep sympathy of those left to carry on is respectfully offered to the bereaved families. We have been called upon to record the death of a member of the Order whose work for the whole Order, and the Empire simply cannot be estimated. As a living force, quietly, but ever faithfully and ever effectively working for a national understanding between G. B. and her beloved homeland India, Miss Susie Sorabji, who was the founder and principal of the school at Poona, left behind her at her sudden death in March, a record of which we might well be proud. One sometimes hears the remark: "Why vote money for work in India?" A study of the work done by Miss Sorabji alone, would justify the use of a much larger percentage of our income for this cause, especially at this time. The chapter has regretfully accepted the resignation of Miss Johnson who found herself unable to attend meetings; and two new members have been added, Mrs. Trivett and Mrs. Bent; one membership has been renewed, Mrs. Wheat; and two nominations for membership have been accepted, Mrs. C. N. Brown and Mrs. W. A. Stewart.

The executive committee who have been carrying on the duties of Child Welfare and Immigration Committees were able through your generosity to send parcels to 46 families at Christmas; the parcels included presents for 136 children. It is impossible to do justice to this phase of chapter work here, but the report of the Immigration Committee is recommended to your notice.

In conclusion I wish to thank officers and members for loyal co-operation throughout a busy year. Respectfully submitted, MARY C. BREHAUT, Treasurer.

Total receipts \$1,115.92 Expenditures 850.92 Balance \$ 265.00

Report of the Acting Secretary of Education for Prince Edward Island for Year ending February, 1932.

Madam Regent and Ladies: I take pleasure in presenting a report of the work I have attended to, on behalf of the Order, for the year just ending.

SCHOLARSHIPS—The Overseas Scholarship for 1932-33 has been awarded to Bramwell Chandler of Charlottetown, who is at present attending Dalhousie University. Mr. Chandler has a splendid record as a student and we look forward with confidence to his success in a British University.

Mr. Stewart MacNutt, who holds our Scholarship for 1931-32, writes most satisfactory letters of his work and we feel sure he is receiving great benefit from our Scholarship.

BURSARY—We had no applicant for our Bursary this year. Miss Marie Clarke, who received our Bursary in 1929 is continuing her studies at Dalhousie University and her Christmas examination marks were satisfactory considering the fact that she entered the University very late in the term.

Miss Mae Gardiner, Bursary holder for 1925, who, after completing one year of work very creditably went to Western Canada, and owing to ill health was in a Sanatorium for three years, is home at Launching, Prince Edward Island and hopes to be well enough in the spring to take up some kind of work. She has definitely given up her Bursary.

PICTURES—We have on hand forty-four (44) War Memorial pictures. Four framed pictures, which were hanging in the Chapter Room at the Navy League building, were given to Southport and Cross Roads schools.

COMPETITIONS—The Christmas Card design, Short Story and One Act Play competitions were given publicity in the press and many letters have been answered giving information about them.

LIBRARIES—The two travelling libraries given by the Head Office to our Province are this year in Southport and Mount Mellick schools.

CALENDARS—The Abegweit Chapter ordered 36 calendars and The Royal Edward Chapter 75 calendars, making a total of 111 calendars for the Province.

ANNUAL MEETING—Your Provincial Secretary attended the Annual Meeting of the War Memorial Committee held in Halifax, May 25th. It was a great privilege to meet the members from other Provinces and to become more familiar with the War Memorial work. One has to attend such a meeting to realize the magnitude of the work, and to appreciate the efficient business-like manner in which it is carried out.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Dr. Cr. Balance from last year \$ 82 By cheque Royal Edward Chapter 5.00 To advertising 6.34 Telegram, money-order and exchange on cheque .69 To stamps and stationery 1.22 By cheque Abegweit Chapter 3.00 To balance on hand .37 \$8.62 \$8.62 Respectfully submitted, (Sgd.) HAZEL MACMILLAN, I. O. D. E. Acting Secretary of Education for Prince Edward Island.

asked for the renewal of their subscriptions to the "United Empire Magazine." On making enquiry at the other two schools, we were surprised that the teachers had not had the use of the magazine as the Principals had neglected to place it in the schools. We would suggest that, if the Chapter sees fit to give another year's subscription, the magazine be mailed to the Secretary.

The Relief Committee of the Canadian Legion was requested to furnish us with the names of any children requiring school books or supplies but, up to the present, no names have been received.

Respectfully submitted, (Signed) BESSIE BETHUNE, Chapter Educational Secretary. Madame Regent—Members—

This has been an eventful year in the history of the League of Nations. Let us glance first at the local activities of our Chapter.

Last year we received an urgent appeal from Ottawa for funds to carry on the work of the League and we raised our Annual Subscription fifty per cent.

During the past summer, we were asked to sponsor the Signing of the World Disarmament Petition at all City polling booths on Election Day. After referring the matter to Miss Charlotte Whitton, National Convener of League of Nations Committee, former representative at Geneva for our Order, we were unable to assist. Later the same petition, circulated under the auspices of the National Chapter, was signed by the majority of our members.

Acting in collaboration with the Provincial Superintendent of Education, we conducted a History Examination in Grades 9 and 10 of the City Schools. The subject embraced the many activities of the League of Nations, particularly in regard to World Peace. We are much indebted to Mr. E. H. Rogers, who prepared the paper and to the members of the Chapter, who also assisted. Ten prizes in gold were presented at the Christmas School Closings, and so great an interest was aroused in children, teachers and parents that many extra copies of the questionnaire had to be made, and we hope that it will become an annual institution. Let me repeat my assertion of a year ago that the education of our children in a spirit of International toleration and brotherly love is a far saner preventive of war than a hundred disarmament conferences.

One of the first acts of the TWELFTH ASSEMBLY of the LEAGUE OF NATIONS was to accept the candidature of Mexico to the League. This brings the membership of the League to 85 and gives Canada a near neighbour co-member.

Three major events stirred the surface of the Twelfth Assembly. One was the financial crisis in Great Britain, the second the seizure of Manchurian Towns by Japan and third, the negotiations regarding the conclusion of an armaments truce.

The Canadian Delegation made two notable statements of Canada's position with regard to Armaments. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, leader of the delegation, said that while the technical work undertaken by the League for the improvement of Trade, Finance, Agriculture, Industrial conditions, Unemployment and Public Health, were undeniably important, "the basic principle on which the League was founded was the maintenance of World Peace and the settlement of International disputes by pacific means." Canada's Armaments were practically negligible and Canada urged the acceptance by the Nations of the World of a general Treaty on Disarmament.

The same message was delivered unofficially by one woman delegate, Mrs. H. P. Plumtree. While not presuming to offer advice to countries less fortunately situated than theirs, Canadians would suggest that their own measure of National prosperity had been largely due to their freedom from the expense and anxiety that great National armaments must entail.

Time will not permit a lengthy review of the work of the League, but special reference should be made, 1st., to its relief work in assisting China in recovering from the recent flood disaster and in checking the spread of typhus and other epidemics, 2nd., to the problem of the traffic in women and children, "particularly urgent at this time" (to quote Mrs. Plumtree once more) "when economic pressure and wide spread unemployment are forcing many to seek new methods of earning money, and girls and women suffering from cold and hunger are predisposed to listen to proposals which, in easier times, would be repulsive to them."

Nor should we omit the re-appointment of the Temporary Slave Commission, vigorously supported by the British Delegation, with op-

position from the usual source, Portugal.

Recently in London, the Archbishop of Canterbury called for the understanding sympathy of the more forward peoples for races which have not fully appreciated the meaning of universal freedom. People, he said, "who have prided themselves upon the fact that slavery has been abolished in the British Dominions nearly one hundred years ago, and in American seventy years ago, must be ashamed by the recollection that 214,000 slaves were freed in Sierra Leone, and that Sir Harcourt Butler set a final seal on slavery in Burmah in 1929."

As we are all aware, the World Disarmament Conference is meeting at Geneva. Overshadowing it in the eyes of the world, is the threatening situation, in the far East. How it may affect the peace of the entire world, no one can with certainty predict.

There are many who are prone to say the League has failed signally in the present crisis. Allow me to quote from a recent article by Willis J. Abbot, "It should be borne in mind that the League is not a super state. It does not accomplish miracles. It exists only for the purpose of offering a forum to which nations on the verge of serious controversy, may, if they will, bring their points of difference. Moreover there have been but few serious controversies of this character submitted to the League. With the League developed to its fullest extent, the quarrel between two Oriental Nations, the Government of one which is inefficient and seldom able to fulfill its pledges would have been a severe test. This fact must be recognized. If the League has not fulfilled its highest ideals, it does not mean that out of this lesson may not come understanding of the way in which it may be strengthened in order to meet like contingencies in future.

You, who criticize the League of Nations, calling it weak and inefficient—have you any better substitute to offer? No sane person claims that is a perfect solution, but it does represent a step in the right direction.

Finally, may I urge you not to place the responsibility for maintaining peace solely on the League of Nations. As Daughters of the Empire, let us ponder the wise words of Sir Robert Borden, recently written—

"Who are responsible for the world's future peace? Who, if not you and I and every individual unit in each nation. The sum of individual influences constitutes the public opinion of the Nation, the public opinion of each nation enters into that of the world which determines war or peace."

Respectfully submitted, (Sgd.) IRENE S. WILKINS, Sec'y. League of Nations Committee.

Immigration and Child Welfare Report

Madame Regent and Ladies: It would seem to be more fitting to call this report a Child Welfare report since it is with the children's welfare as future citizens that we are most interested, and one can best assure a child's welfare by helping his or her parents to maintain some semblance of a home.

We have been concerned mostly with cases in rural districts and we do not need to go into any details as to why this should be so. In all 81 parcels of clothing, etc., have been assembled and redistributed after some mending had been done where that was necessary. Too much gratitude cannot be expressed by the workers on this committee for the condition of the contributions as sent in—very little mending has been necessary. One has to be closely associated with work of this kind to appreciate the kindness of the members when special calls are received—sometimes the response is overwhelming. But there are always the large families of 8 to 10 boys and girls, by whom any surplus is gladly received and one can understand that clothes half worn out in the beginning while they fill an immediate need can not last very long the wear and tear of growing boys and girls. It would be difficult to mention the names of those sending in contributions without really writing a membership list—very few have not helped in some way, and those are probably members who because of inattentance are not aware of the activities of the chapter along these lines. We have of course always with us the faithful few to whom no appeal is ever made in vain, and whose invaluable answer is "Well I guess I can find something." If it were only for the encouragement embodied in the phrase special thanks are due them.

It would take too long to detail

the work, but may we offer some examples:— 1.—A letter from a rural minister recommended to our notice the need of a family in his district. Clothing and an order of groceries from the local merchant were sent at once.

2.—An appeal from the mother of 8 boys between 9 months and 16 years of age. Father willing to work at anything but unable to find work. Clothes and school supplies were sent.

3.—An appeal from one family for warm clothes was generously answered.

4.—A case of destitution in the city was brought to our notice and a layette and warm clothes collected.

5.—Another case of a returned man in need was reported through his pilot officer who helped collect underclothes, overcoat, boots, shirts, socks, etc., to outfit the man so that he might come in to hospital for treatment. We regret to have to report that the man died last Thursday in local hospital, leaving a wife and six little children.

6.—An appeal came in recently for schoolbooks for a large family—not necessarily new books. The parents are to be commended for the real self sacrifice they are making to keep this family in school. Mrs. Bethune has a wonderful parcel of books and clothing ready to be called for.

7.—In August in one of our most deserving soldier settler families the mother died. There are 7 boys left, 6 at home ranging from 7 to 17 years of age. Because work is impossible to find this family is in straitened circumstances. Through the chapter a large quantity of jam, pickles, etc., was collected in October and delivered, for which they were very grateful.

8.—Three families have been helped with schoolbooks and school supplies.

9.—A request came in for pants for boys 11 and 13 years old to enable them to go to school. Mother's eyes are under treatment and she is unable to sew by lamplight even if she had material to make over. Unable to fill this need as yet. You understand these cases are not finished with—we try to keep in touch with them.

There is no need to recount our activities at Christmas—46 large parcels were sent to families whose need of assistance was learned from the local agent by the Social Service Board, whose business it is to keep in touch with their circumstances. The parcels contained one toy each for 136 children besides staple groceries, books, and in some cases clothing. The letters received acknowledging these parcels amply repay us for the really hard work entailed in sending them. Enclosed are one or two of the letters. Again we beg to remind you that very few of the settler families ask for help, many of them are doing splendidly, but this is an exceptional year.

Respectfully submitted, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (The financial affairs are handled by the chap. Treasurer.) (For resolution on Education see editorial page.)

ALLEGES (Continued from Page 1)

gone. The foremast, in going overboard, had knocked a hole in the windward side and as the seas began to rise about daylight the water poured in.

The crew was rescued about nine o'clock that morning by the White Star liner Cymric, after the officers of that liner noticed a trail of lumber in the water and followed it to the wrecked schooner. The Symbic was torpedoed on her next voyage, Allison said.

Captain J. J. Pratt, of Boston, who was not aboard the schooner when she sank, was the only other witness examined today by the Commission. They said he was in Liverpool when the Cymric landed the crew of the Gypsum Queen there, and he talked to Captain Hatfield the day after he landed. Captain Pratt said he asked Hatfield whether his schooner had been insured, and the owner replied it was covered by war risk insurance. "What covered?" Captain Pratt said he inquired. "We had some stormy weather and I lost my rigging," he quoted Hatfield as replying. Captain Pratt said he told Hatfield war risk insurance would not cover such a loss, but the schooner's owner still thought it would. The Commission adjourned after hearing Allison and Captain Pratt, and will hold its next hearing in Ottawa, when Senator Logan will be questioned. Others accompanying the Commission include Major M. Spenser Ralph, the Deputy Commissioner of the Dominion Reparation Commission who recommended the payment to Hatfield on the basis of affidavits made by Allison and others; G. F. Bursley, Registrar, G. A. Thompson, the official reporter, and J. Barnes, of the Department of Justice.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

MOONLIGHT SKATE at the Forum tonight. 1227-11

REGULAR MEETING of the Catholic Womens League, Knights of Columbus Hall tonight. Important. Nominations. 1233-11.

ALL WALTZ PROGRAMME at the Forum tonight. 14 bands. Moonlight. 1227-11

FLUE FIRE — The firemen were called out about 8:50 last evening for a flue fire at the residence of Mr. Thomas Whitley, 206 Sydney Street. No damage.

14 BANDS, ALL WALTZ programme, at the Forum tonight.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the shareholders and patrons of the Tryon Dairying Co. will be held in the creamery on Tuesday, March 1st, at 1:30 p.m. 1232-11

WEATHER FORECAST for the month of March: 1 to 5 cloudy with strong winds. 6 to 11 milder with very heavy snowfalls. 12 to 18 few fine days then becomes stormy again. 19 to 22, weather very disappointing. 23 to 26 cloudy and windy. 27 to 29 clear and cool. 30 to 31 ends fine.

VISITOR TO MONCTON—Mr. Fred McCourt, of Montreal, formerly of Charlottetown, prominent in manganese mining operations in the East, was a visitor to the city during the week-end on a business mission. Mr. McCourt's firm is interested in Manganese Mines Limited, of Turtle Creek, Albert County, which have been operating continually throughout the winter, shipping a high grade of ore to Upper Canadian and United States markets.—Moncton Times.

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lack they must be held responsible. Consul General Mural, in informing the Chinese Mayor of Japan's intentions to carry the warfare 50 miles inland if additional Chinese troops were moved into the lines, said the new offensive would start March 2. Many hundreds of square miles of the richest area of the lower Yangtze Valley would be endangered by such an attack. In this area live many millions of people. The country's best rice fields are located along the Shanghai-Nanking line, and fine mulberry plantations extend almost all the way from Shanghai to Soochow.

FLASH

LONDON, Feb. 29. — (Canadian Press Cable) — Lord Beaverbrook, Canadian born peer and Empire Crusader, today contracted a severe chill and was unable to take part in debate on the National Government's Trade Bill in the House of Lords tonight.

BIRTHS

CORRIGAN — At the Charlottetown Hospital, Monday, February 29th., to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Corrigan, a daughter.

DEATHS

MARTIN—On Feb. 29, 1932, Alexander MacLeod Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, Kinross. Funeral from his late residence on Tuesday, March 1st, at 1 o'clock.

SUDBURY, Ont., Feb. 29.—(By The Canadian Press)—One of the tasks confronting the Imperial Economic Conference next July at Ottawa will be to work out a plan whereby surplus mineral production of one unit of the British Empire may be used to supply the deficiencies of another, said Dr. Charles Camshell, Deputy Minister of Mines for Canada, speaking here Saturday night. The British Empire possessed 21 of the 28 leading minerals in such abundance as to leave large quantities for export, and two others in quantities sufficient for its own needs, he told the Sudbury branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

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