

Prominent Omaha Women Take Pride in Charity Work



Miss Mary Wallace, Dramatic Worker at Social Settlement.



Mrs. George Tilden, Pres. of Y.W.C.A.



Miss Joy Higgins, Enthusiastic Social Settlement Worker



Mrs. George Hoagland, Founder of the Flower Mission



Miss Clara Thomas, Sec'y Visiting Nurse Ass'n



Miss Carolyn Dodge, Pres. Associated Charities of Council Bluffs.



Mrs. T. L. Kimball, Pres. Omaha Charity Ass'n



Miss Louise McPherson, Prominent Worker in Visiting Nurses Association

OMAHA women are greatly interested in charity work and much time has been spent in this work by many prominent women of the city. Not only have individual cases been the cause of hours of work on the part of these women, but organizing and maintaining large institutions for the aid of humanity has taken much time in the lives of these women.

In many cases these women have given their assistance year in and year out for the upkeep of these institutions and equally as much time has been spent along the lines of charity work as in entertaining their friends.

One of the oldest and most prominent workers in the city is Mrs. T. L. Kimball, who has been president of the Omaha Charity association, operating the Creche for twenty-five years. The Creche has in all these years been well known in the city for the work it has done. At the present time there are twenty-five little folks who are boarders there by the month and ten who are day attendants. It has been the wish of the members of this association to have a country home for the children who are placed in the Creche by the month and this wish may be realized when the will of a very good friend of Mrs. T. L. Kimball is executed. A clause in this will states that the home of this "friend" will go to this Omaha charity for the little people who are placed in the Creche for a period of time longer than a day. The name of this person who has considered the welfare of these children is a secret to the members of the executive board of this organization, but will be made public later.

Heart and Soul in Work

Hour after hour has been spent by Mrs. Kimball in work and thought for the needs of the children and the parents who have come under her attention. Mrs. Kimball has not only put her heart and soul into the welfare of this institution, which allows a mother to work for the support of her young family and place her children in a good home for the day or week while her time is spent at her work, but for a quarter of a century Mrs. Kimball has given most of her time in the work for these little people and her reward has come to her many times when the little folk of the Creche who have grown up return and it can be seen that they are fine men and women.

A good, clean home for the little tots during the day under the right guidance, the one step toward providing and helping the working woman to help herself; this aid has been given to an average of 300 homes for the last twenty-five years. Perhaps the one thing that the Creche stands for more than any other is that the object is to keep the home and family together and by maintaining the home in a central part of the

city, where women who must go to work early in the morning can take their little ones. Mrs. Kimball has been the one more than any other woman who has kept the association together. When several members of the board of directors a few years ago wanted to unite with the Child Saving institute she took the stand that this was not a place where children were taken to be kept until homes could be found, but a place where children could be kept while parents were working during the day and keeping their small family together.

While the work as the president of this association has taken up much of Mrs. Kimball's time, she has always had time to give a smile and speak a gentle word of encouragement to any one person who ever went to her for assistance. In her work in the Creche she has not only given her time and financial assistance, but each child in there knows Mrs. Kimball as being one of his or her best friends.

Establishes Flower Mission

Mrs. George A. Hoagland has not only been one of the foremost workers in charity in the city, but is the founder of the Emma Hoagland Flower Mission, which is a memorial to her daughter. The flower mission is composed of the young society women of the city. A certain number of them go to the hospitals throughout the city one morning each week and to each sick person flowers are given and also sent to many homes. To the sick who are in hospitals with no friends in the city the visits of these flower mission girls are long remembered. Not long ago a gentleman, whose residence is in an eastern city, was in Omaha and inquired if the flower mission girls still took the flowers to the hospitals and recalled a time when he was passing through the city, was taken ill and had to go to the hospital. While there, he said, these young women paid their weekly visits to the hospital where he was. He said none of his friends knew that he was ill, but the young women left some flowers in his room, the only ones and the only thought which had been given him by an outsider, and he remarked that he would never forget those roses. This man said that no flowers had been as sweet to him either before or since that morning when the flower mission girls left the roses in his room. Mrs. Hoagland has been one of the generous givers to church societies and charity institutions whenever she has been called upon for assistance.

Mrs. George A. Joslyn and Mrs. John C. Wharton, who are both prominent in society and have many social demands made upon their time, have given hours of hard work and many thousands of dollars to the needy in the city. Mrs. Joslyn has one of the handsomest homes of the city and on many occasions opens it to the public for the benefit of some charity. Her music room, with one of the finest pipe organs in the country, has been opened to many affairs so that many of her



Mrs. John C. Wharton, Generous Donor to Charity

friends might hear some noted organist play. In her conservatory one of the best collections of orchids in the country can be found and Mrs. Joslyn has been most thoughtful of the sick when huge bunches of roses and other flowers have been sent from her grounds. With all the demands made upon her time she always has a moment to listen to the story of some needy one and her excellent judgment has been the means of guiding many an institution to a safe and sound footing.

Large Gifts to Charity

Mrs. Wharton made one of the largest gifts to both the Young Men's Christian association and Young Women's Christian association when both these institutions put up their buildings. There were few larger gifts from private individuals than the ones made by Mrs. Wharton. She is prominent among the society women of the city and is on many boards governing charity institutions. She is another one of the women who never allows a social engagement to interfere with her time which she devotes to the work for the poor.

Equally well known in charity work in the city is Mrs. George Tilden, who has been president of the Young Women's Christian association for many years and is also a prominent club woman, having been president of the Omaha Woman's club and many church organizations. It is to



Mrs. Draper Smith-Well, Known Worker for Charity

Mrs. Tilden perhaps more than any other woman in the city that the members of the Young Women's Christian association owe their gratitude for the new building, not for the building itself, but for the great effort made by Mrs. Tilden in directing the work of the campaign, and it was through her efforts largely and the confidence that the general public had in her ability to manage an institution of the kind that many of the large contributions to the fund were made.

In many instances the work concerning the poor has been done by many Council Bluffs women and perhaps the one who stands out most prominently in this work is Miss Carolyn Dodge of that city, who is president of the Associated Charities of that city. There are times when families of Omaha move to Council Bluffs and Miss Dodge has been one of the women who has had time always to see to it that the needy have had provisions and in several cases has made a personal visit to the home of the family to find out just what necessity is needed. She is one of the prominent society women of the city and her social duties are numerous. She is also a prominent club woman, both in Council Bluffs and Omaha. Miss Dodge is equally known in Omaha and Council Bluffs and spends much of her time with her



Mrs. George Joselyn, Visiting Worker for Charity

sister, Mrs. Edgar Scott, of this city. She comes from one of the oldest and most aristocratic families and has traveled extensively.

With the history of the Visiting Nurse association names of many prominent society women are included, perhaps none more prominent than the name of Miss Louise McPherson, who has given much of her time for the welfare of this good work which is being done in the city. Miss McPherson has been connected with the association for several years and no matter what the duty has been which would aid the cause for the poor babies who were sick, and their mothers, she has never considered herself and her time has always been at the disposal of the society. These duties have not always been the most pleasant and the situations in which Miss McPherson has been placed have sometimes been just a bit funny.

Many Babies Cared For

One of the most important features of the work of the Visiting Nurse last summer was the baby camp which was maintained by this association and the nurses who were sent from home to home to show the mothers the proper care of the baby. In order to bring this to the notice of the public and explain what the work was that was being done a series of pictures were displayed at the different theaters in the city and Miss McPherson gave many evenings to the task of making short talks at the theaters where these pictures were presented. Miss McPherson has had the assistance of many of the young women of the city in this work. Miss Clara Thomas, who has for many years been secretary of the Visiting Nurse asso-

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