

# TO AID THE SICK ONES.

## Malden's Hospital Fair is Already a Success.

### Great Throng in National Hall to See the Mass of Things for Sale.

#### Decorations, Pretty Women and Lemonade Some of the Features.

MALDEN, Nov. 15.—There are a few people in this town, not more than half a dozen, who did not think the fair in aid of the Malden hospital would amount to much. They have changed their minds, this handful of people.

At 7.45 tonight they crowded their way into National Hall, where the fair is being held, and it took them just seven minutes to ascend one short flight of stairs, three more to get to the ticket seller's window, and until the night was nearly gone to make a tour of the booths and bazaars.

And it rained in Malden tonight, too.

There was not one of the committee in charge of the affair who had any idea that thousands would undertake to crowd into that not over large hall. But when they came they could not well refuse to sell tickets, and "not even standing room left inside" was the sign that should have been hung out at 8.15.

They got into the hall, these countless people did, somehow, and then shed smiles, and how-do-you-dos, and perspiration, drank lemonade and permitted lovely maidens to tramp on their toes, and pronounced the fair the biggest affair of its kind Malden ever saw.

The Carnival Souvenir, a handsome publication of the committee, says this of the object of the fair:

"For many years the need of a hospital in Malden has been discussed by physicians and patients, but not till 1890 did the many discussions amount to a definite plan. In the spring of that year a meeting of influential citizens was called to consider the ways and means by which a hospital might be started. At that meeting a committee was appointed to obtain signatures for incorporation papers, and June 9, 1892, Malden Hospital was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, and a set of by-laws adopted.

"The officers elected at the first meeting of the corporation were: Hon. E. S. Converse, president; Hon. J. F. Wiggin, vice-president; John M. Corbett, treasurer; Harry H. Barrett, clerk, who have continued in office through successive elections.

"In addition to these a board of trustees,

#### Consisting of Twelve Ladies

and 12 gentlemen, were elected from the incorporators, for one, two and three years, and from this board are elected annually the various committees for the management of the institution.

"The munificence of a private citizen and his wife, whose benefactions are the pride of their townsmen, rendered it possible to begin building operations at once, and soon these quiet acres began to hear unwonted sounds of hammer and axe.

"In the early autumn of 1890, the cornerstone was laid, a step nearer the fruition of many a heartfelt desire. The building steadily grew, plain but substantial, the grounds were laid out and beautified, a fine roadway made access easy, and on July 17, 1892, Malden Hospital opened its doors for dedication."

The hospital was opened for occupancy on Aug. 1, 1892, and the three months since its first patient was admitted have demonstrated its necessity.

All Malden is proud of the hospital, and proud of Elisha S. Converse, whose munificence, more than that of any other one man, has made it possible.

"No creed, no sex, no nationality," is the motto of the institution, and inside National Hall tonight one found every church society in the city represented.

The hall is so draped and decorated that the janitor wouldn't recognize it. Bunting overhead and the gorgeous displays of silks and colors on the endless rows of booths make the interior one solid mass of color and beauty.

The fair was opened with some

#### Very Brief Exercises,

in which Mayor James Pierce and officers of the hospital took part.

The invited guests were:

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| Hon Elisha S Converse  | E F Bickford          |
| Hon J K C Sleeper      | M S O'Donnell         |
| Hon L L Fuller         | John M Corbett        |
| Hon Marcellus Coggan   | Harry H Barrett       |
| Hon Joseph Wiggin      | Mrs Emeline M Sprague |
| Col T E Barker         | Mrs Kate L S Teale    |
| George W Walker        | Mrs Dorcas E Walker   |
| Alfred R Turner        | William H Wilcox      |
| A H Davenport          | E J Stevens           |
| W A Wilde              | Mrs Mary D Converse   |
| Mrs Susan E Ranlett    | M S O'Donnell         |
| Mrs Mary A Magee       | Dr L A Abbott         |
| Mrs Lilla F Beane      | Dr F H Parker         |
| Mrs Henry M Hartshorn  | Dr Charles T Lord     |
| Rep Arthur H Wellman   | Dr James B Barsa      |
| William B de las Casas | Dr Julia A B Russell  |
| Everell F Sweet        | Dr Granville Knight   |
| Mrs Abbie S Copeland   | Dr Daniel Craig       |
| Mrs E Florence Barker  | Dr J M C Murphy       |
| Miss Caroline Barrett  | Dr Charles E Prior    |
| Mrs Evelyn M Campbell  | Dr J Langdon Sullivan |
| Charles Bean           | Dr Charles B Jones    |
| E F Bickford           | Dr Walter B Whiting   |
| Dr Lottie E Sampson    | Dr Godfrey Rider      |
| Dr Nathan French       | Dr J R Goodwin        |
| Dr W D Sawyer          | Dr F S Abbott         |
| Dr A J Stevens         | Dr George E Stackpole |
| Dr George M French     | Dr W B Perkins        |
| Dr Charles D McCarthy  | Dr C W McClearn       |
| Dr James Krauss        | Dr J Adam Good        |
| Dr L F Potter          | Dr J Horne            |
| Dr A C Grimm           | Dr C Maria Nordstrom  |
| Dr George B Sawtelle   |                       |

The chief marshal of this evening was Capt. Harry H. Ballard, E. E. Locke, chief of staff; Frank J. Bartlett, marshal, and the aids: William B. de las Casas, J. H. Bicknell, C. K. Mitchell, D. S. Page, J. E. Harris, W. E. Barker, A. W. Hutchins, G. F. Tilton, E. Nelson, E. W. Cobb, F. E. Benjamin, W. E. Wilson, A. E. Bliss, W. F. Foss, R. Kramer, W. N. Osgood, E. H. Wiggin, W. F. Harris, H. A. Bascom, C. S. Binner.

As you went into the hall tonight your eyes were greeted with a vision of color and loveliness that made you blind and look again to see where you were. It was the candy booth, and the color and loveliness were in the maidens who stood under

#### A Fringe of Poppies,

made of paper, and the centre of each one an incandescent electric globe.

There were 11 of those fair beings, and every one a blonde, and every one dressed in poppy red. Mrs. Godfrey Ryder is chairman, and she makes change for the candy

these maidens sell: Miss Mattie Dexter, Miss Marie Shapleigh, Miss Mabel Hadaway, Miss Lester Sawtelle, Miss Agnes Yale, Miss Bertha Stevens, Miss Florence Packer, Miss Ada Chase, Miss Ruth Wiggin and Miss Forest Benjamin.

Around to the right you encountered the flower booth, and here was another revelation of beauty in decorations and in woman. Naturally flowers and "green growing things" were the former; the latter were Mrs. J. Henry Whittaker, chairman; Mrs. E. C. Currier, Mrs. James Bartlett, Jr., Mrs. Alma Collins, Mrs. Dr. Potter, Mrs. Willard Robinson, Mrs. Harry Converse, Miss Mabel Parker, Miss Agnes Currier and Miss Nellie Taylor.

By this time you were athirst, and you had only to turn halfway round to be able to slake your appetite for drink at the lemonade booth. Mrs. P. J. Riley is chairman of this, and her assistants are: Mrs. Justin Bigelow, cashier; Mrs. Charles D. McCarthy, Miss Daisy M. Riley, Miss Sadie Hannan, Miss Rose Gearey, Mrs. William J. Driscoll, Miss M. A. O'Connell, the Misses Connolly, Miss J. B. Shea and Miss Marion Munroe.

By the way, it was surprising how these fair vendors of lemonade did hit about in that dense crowd. It was very warm, and those damsels saw what a good field for operations they had before them. So they took little round pieces of cardboard, and went out and sold so many that before 9 o'clock the

#### Lemonade was All Gone,

and more had to be made.

The art department is one of the features of the fair. One large corner is given up to this and the walls and tables are covered with painted china and water colors. Many of these are real works of art, and the corner was the scene of an animated throng all during the evening. Mrs. Marcus Beebe is president, and Mrs. G. W. Walker treasurer of the department.

Of the variety of things for sale there might be books written. These include everything, from an oil painting down to a pin cushion, from a rag baby to a brick house, almost. There is one table given to "Baptist McGinties," funny little images that roll and tumble "to the bottom of the sea." There is fancy work without end, and up stairs there is a space devoted to peanuts, a shooting gallery, a gypsy fortune teller and a post office.

The officers and members of the hospital fair association are as follows:

Officers—President, Mrs. George W. Walker; vice-president, Mrs. Elisha S. Converse; secretary, Mrs. Alfred H. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. Henry E. Turner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. S. Holden.

Members—Mrs. T. E. Barker, Mrs. C. H. Sprague, Mrs. D. T. Copeland, Mrs. D. W. Ranlet, Miss Caroline Barrett, Mrs. M. B. Lakeman, Mrs. Marcus Beebe, Mrs. George B. Murray, Mrs. George A. Coffren, Mrs. Charles L. Dean, Mrs. T. F. Fitz, Mrs. P. J. Riley, Mrs. P. J. McGuire, Mrs. M. C. Grier, Miss Emily E. Flint, Mrs. W. D. Hawley, Mrs. J. Chase, Mrs. J. L. Bicknell, Mrs. Thomas W. Hough, Mrs. Austin M. Copp, Mrs. Everell F. Sweet, Mrs. Charles Watts, Mrs. A. H. Davenport, Mrs. Frank Silliman, Mrs. E. F. Bickford, Mrs. George J. Greenleaf, Mrs. Joshua H. Millet, Mrs. Jerome Fisk, Mrs. M. L. Faulkner, Mrs. U. B. Campbell, Mrs. A. B. Hast-

ings, Mrs. Charles Wise, Mrs. A. A. Campbell, Mrs. William Merrill, Mrs. A. C. Dowse, Mrs. L. F. Nichols, Mrs. Clarence Whitcomb, Mrs. George M. French, Mrs. H. W. Shea, Mrs. E. A. Atwood, Mrs. J. H. Whitaker, Mrs. Frank Bartlett, Mrs. E. S. Holden, Mrs. Godfrey Ryder, Mrs. John Little.

The sub-committees are these:

Hall—Mrs. C. H. Sprague, Mrs. George J. Greenleaf, Mrs. D. W. Ranlet.

Table—Mrs. George A. Coffren, Mrs. Silliman, Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. Greenleaf, Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Ranlet.

Entertainment—Mrs. Charles H. Sprague, president; Mrs. Ranlet, Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Barker.

Auxiliary—Col. T. E. Barker, president; A. H. Davenport, George W. Walker, Alfred H. Turner, Mrs. George Greenleaf.

Souvenir book and printing—Mrs. George B. Murray, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Lakeman, Miss Flint, Mrs. Hough, Miss May Hadley, Miss Marion Copeland, Mrs. Hawley.

Decorative—Mrs. Joshua H. Millet, president; Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Bicknell, Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. Bascom.

Cafe—Mrs. D. T. Copeland, president; Mrs. Ranlet, Mrs. Little.

Auxiliary entertainment—Mrs. George W. Walker, president; Mrs. Fitz, Mrs. Little.

Auditing—John M. Corbett, president; Mrs. Converse, Mrs. Campbell.

Badge—Mr. M. B. Lakeman, president; Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Watts.

Invitation—Mrs. George W. Walker, president; Mrs. Converse, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Jones.

#### The Various Church Booths

are officered thus:

Congregational—President, Mrs. Clark Healey; treasurer, Mrs. Eugene Upton.

Methodist—President, Mrs. George B. Murray; treasurer, Mrs. Rose Stevens.

Universalist—President and treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Bicknell.

Unitarian—President, Mrs. Emily Bailey; treasurer, Mrs. George Mansfield.

Catholic—President, Mrs. P. J. McGuire; treasurer, Mrs. T. Fitz.

Episcopal—President, Mrs. M. C. Grier; treasurer, Mrs. M. Atwood.

Baptist—President; Mrs. P. Hutchins; treasurer, Mrs. Alfred H. Turner.

Maplewood and Linden—President, Mrs. U. B. Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Whitcomb.

Faulkner—President, Mrs. Levi L. Nichols, Mrs. E. A. Atwood.

Belmont—President, Mrs. William Merrill.

The cafe is in charge of Mrs. D. T. Copeland as president and Miss Belle S. Copeland as treasurer.

The following officers of the High School Battalion were assigned tonight as officers at the tables: Col. Henry T. Burr, Capt. George W. Chase, Capt. Frank E. Merrill, Capt. Fred McCarthy, Adjt. Fred L. Cressoy, Lieut. Fritz Gay, Lieut. J. F. Neal, Lieut. W. E. Ober, Lieut. A. H. Brown, Lieut. Edgar Walker, Lieut. Austin Gleason, Sergt.-Maj. Fred S. Atwood, Quartermaster Sergeant S. O'Donnell, Sergt. F. S. Macey, Sergt. Charles S. Russell, Sergt. Daniel McGilvray.

Wednesday evening the entertainment will be given by the Kernwood Club; Thursday evening by the Boquet Club, and Friday evening by the Ten Strike Club.

If the attendance at the fair during the remainder of the week is as large as it was tonight, Malden's hospital will be an immense gainer.