

that he intends to keep the Presidency and regards the oath he took Sunday as President as binding on him.

Mrs. Carr-Harris

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In the records at the YWCA are the minutes of the first meeting of a "small group of high-minded Christian women led by Mrs. Carr-Harris, then Miss Bertha Wright, who were aroused to a sense of responsibility in guarding the interests of the ever-increasing number of young women and strangers in the city".

The first meeting took place in a "very unpretentious old house" at 98 Albert street, where in 1885 a Bible class known as the Young Women's Institute had begun under Mrs. Carr-Harris' leadership. Here it was decided to form a Young Women's Christian Association and on October 3, 1892, at a public meeting held in the YMCA at which Mayor Howland of Toronto was the guest speaker, the Ottawa YWCA began.

Mrs. Carr-Harris was president of the YWCA from 1892 to 1895 and was general secretary and treasurer from 1898 to 1900. She was instrumental in making the first collections from among supporters of the work in Ottawa. It was only a matter of a few weeks' time until the required \$26,000 was on hand.

The manner in which money was raised for the building is indicated by the inscription on the cornerstone: "Asked of God, 1892—given of God, 1894". Contained in the cornerstone are two documents, a copy of Lady Aberdeen's address on the day the stone was laid and a copy of Mrs. Carr-Harris' speech to the girls.

Founded Refuge.

In addition to her work for the "Y" while she lived in Ottawa, Mrs. Carr-Harris founded the "Home for Friendless Women" which eventually became a commercial enterprise under the name of the "Home Laundry".

She wrote a number of books in her lifetime, one of the earliest being "The White Chief of the Ottawa". This dealt with the early settlement of Bytown and many of the anecdotes concerning the life of Philemon Wright are now of singular historical interest. Her other publications were of a religious character.

Three Sons.

Mrs. Carr-Harris was predeceased by her husband 26 years ago and is survived by three sons, Major Grant Carr-Harris, of Ottawa; Guy Carr-Harris, of Toronto, and Lorne Carr-Harris, of Woodstock; one daughter, Mrs. Gwenyth Barrington, of Toronto; two brothers, Ernie Wright, of Edmonton, and Gordon Wright, of Rockcliffe, and two sisters, Mrs. A. E. James and Miss Muriel Wright, of Ottawa. Two sons were killed while serving with the RCAF. They were Wing Commander Brian Carr-Harris and Flying Officer Redford MacLeod Carr-Harris.

The body will be at the home of her son, Major Carr-Harris, 11

Mrs. Carr-Harris First YW President Dies in Ottawa

Mrs. Bertha Hannah Carr-Harris, a direct descendant of Philemon Wright, first settler in this district, died Tuesday night at the home of her son, Major Grant Carr-Harris, 11 Blackburn avenue. She was the widow of Professor Robert Carr-Harris, formerly of Kingston.

She was the founder and first president of the YWCA, and the building which still stands at the corner of Metcalfe and Laurier was built largely through her efforts.

The eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wright, she was a granddaughter of Ruggles Wright, eldest son of Philemon Wright. She was born in Hull on May 9, 1863.

For the past 20 years, Mrs. Carr-Harris had been living in Toronto where she taught the women's Bible class at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

The women's Bible class which she founded in her early days of social service work in Ottawa was the forerunner of the present YWCA.

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