

## A Resume.

The COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION was formed in 1894 with a total membership of twenty but two of whom are still actively engaged in the work of the organization, Mrs. Rebecca A. Eaton and Mr. A. A. Martin.

The object of the association was primarily to provide entertainment for the cottage owners and residents of Blodgett Landing, control the sanitary conditions, and so far as the means of the association would permit, attend to the lighting of the roads and the maintenance of sidewalks, and such other matters as might contribute to the general health, happiness and comfort of the community.

That this object has been quite thoroughly accomplished the appended statements will attest.

The story of the first five years is one of heroic struggle to accomplish large results with small means, and it was not until the subject of building a Casino was agitated, in 1900, that the association began to assume really important proportions.

The enthusiasm over the proposed club house resulted in a fair and entertainment that brought to the treasury the sum of \$313 which formed the nucleus of the building fund, to which was added the sum of \$570 raised by subscription, and the officers of the C. O. A. consider it their duty to append a list of these early contributors to the cause: Dr. H. G. Howe, Mrs. D. Kennard, Edward Pierce, Robert K. Eaton, Charles Bradford, Frank Cressy, Charles Breck, Mrs. Abbie Butler, Mrs. Joseph Davis, Samuel Kennard, A. A. Martin, F. O. Ray,

Henry L. Watson, Edmund Burke, William Holden, E. W. Oakes.

Mr. S. H. Ashley, the first president of the C. O. A., and an ardent worker in the cause, was a contributor also but died before the money was called for.

Mr. Will M. Cressy and Mr. Harry R. Cressy were also among the subscribers but their subscriptions were declined because of their valuable services to the entertainments.

It will be seen that the building fund consisted of \$883 in cash, and a larger sum being necessary, an additional \$1,000 was borrowed on a note endorsed by Messrs. A. A. Martin, Samuel Kennard, F. O. Ray and Charles Breck.

The Casino was built by A. A. Martin at a cost of \$2,800, and the organization took possession of it with an approximate debt of \$1,900.

Mr. Will M. Cressy succeeded Mr. Ashley as president in 1901 and remained in office until August, 1906, and during his administration the debt upon the Casino was paid off and he retired from office, leaving the association free from debt and with the sum of \$313.17 in the treasury.

The money to liquidate the lien upon the club house was raised by fairs and entertainments of various sorts; but when Mr. Cressy was about to retire as President, it was seen that the sum of \$117 was lacking to wipe the slate clean and the amount was subscribed upon the spot by the following members of the old guard: Mrs. Rebecca A. Eaton, H. L. Watson, Dr. H. G. Howe, F. O. Ray, Edward Pierce, W. M. Cressy, Mrs. Joseph Davis, Miss Minnie S. Turner, Mrs. Abbie Butler, Mrs. Charles Breck, Mrs. George Thompson, William Holden, Edmund Burke.

As Mr. Cressy suggests in his report, on file in the archives of the association, it is well to remember these things.

Mr. Cressy's successor in office was Mr. F. O. Ray who served one year, and was succeeded as president by Mr. W. H. Corser, who retires from office the current year.

A complete list of the other officers of the association will be found elsewhere.

It is but fair to say of all of them that they have served faithfully, intelligently and unselfishly; and under their administration the C. O. A. has increased its sphere of usefulness and been maintained upon a solid foundation, financial and otherwise.

It is no easy matter to please everyone, and when it is remembered that the C. O. A. has no considerable income except what

it can obtain through the uncertain medium of fairs and entertainments, while the expense is heavy for labor, materials and supplies, and the demands upon the treasury almost endless, the fairminded can see no valid cause for complaint upon the part of any one concerned.

A careful glance at the statement of the treasurer will indicate clearly the amount and sources of income and the objects for which it has been expended.

The Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws will make clear to the uninformed, or misinformed, the status of the active member and the associate member, and it is partly with the object in view of enlightening the members generally upon this and other subjects that this little pamphlet is published.

From time to time individual officers of the association have been held responsible for actions that were entirely dependent upon fixed By-Laws, and unchangeable except by the will of the Board of Trustees.

Attention is called to the fact that under the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws, only the active members have the right to vote, but the presence of the associate members at the regular meetings of the association is earnestly solicited, and their views upon any subject affecting the welfare of the organization or the community will be listened to with attention and acted upon wherever possible.

The C. O. A. has no axes to grind and no object to attain except the general good and solicits the good will, good fellowship and financial help of everyone interested in our little summer community.

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In the summer of 1909 a committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of merging the so-called "Club House Association" and the proposed "Cottage Owners Association" into a corporation to be known as "The Cottage Owners Association," and the committee having reported favorably upon the proposition, it was decided in an open meeting, held at the Casino at Blodgett Landing, in August, 1909, to form the said corporation, and the following are the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the new Cottage Owners Association, as copied from the secretary's minutes :

