

MRS. J. M. PRETTY

It is with mixed feelings of regret and appreciation that we announce the retirement of Mrs. J. M. Pretty, after 24 years' service as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ontario Branch.

It was in 1932 that Mrs. Pretty first became associated with the Branch as Secretary, establishing an office in her residence that through the years became the hub of R.L.S.S. administration in Ontario. It is felt that in many ways the acquiring of Mrs. Pretty's services marked a turning point in the affairs of the Ontario Branch, as this was the first time a permanent office and executive secretary's position was made possible. Since that time, the activities of the Branch have grown enormously, creating an increasing demand on the time and energy of those charged with the responsibility of administration details.



Through these years of expansion, Mrs. Pretty's ability and efficiency have always been equal to the task. Not only has her executive experience been a great asset to the Ontario Branch, but her interest and enthusiasm in promoting the ideals of the Society have been an important factor in its growth in Ontario. It was also during these years that Mrs. Pretty was called on to serve, for a time, as the first Secretary for the newly-formed Canadian Council of Branches. In 1936 she was made a Life Member of the Society. Further recognition came in 1945 when she was honored with the Society's Service Cross, and in 1950 with a Bronze Star to the Service Cross.

Mrs. Pretty's cheerfulness and co-operation have been an inspiration to all those with whom she has come in contact. It is to be hoped that her association with the Ontario Branch, though less active, will still continue to be a warm and lasting one.

The President, Executive and members of the Ontario Branch join in expressing to Mrs. Pretty their sincerest thanks and appreciation for her many years of loyal service to the Society, together with their best wishes for her continued good health and happiness for many years to come.