Grain Growers' Sunshine Guild

CONDUCTED BY "MARGARET"

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Associate Membership Fee	$1 00
S. G. Badges (silver)	50
S. G. Pendants (gold)	50
S. G. Buttons (children's)	05

OBJECTS

To feed and clothe some hungry child.
To gratify the wish of some invalid.
To maintain the Girls' Home at 374 Musgrove Street.
To hold "Toy Missions" and entertainment for at least 5,000 children.

MOTTO

Any thread you can lift from hearts of care,
Any kind word needed? Try to be there,
And always add help to sympathy's prayer.

Pass out, my friend, giving more than your due,
Remember the gift presented to you
In the long ago, and try to be true.

MARGARET'S MESSAGE

Wherever Sunshine has entered a community and really taken hold of the hearts of the people, it has left its indelible stamp in some well organized form of helpfulness, of practical benefit to the community at large. Thus established Fresh Air and Sunshine have taken up every kind of philanthropic work that others of the locality had overlooked, and Sunshine has come in to fill the long felt want in just that very kind of good cheer that has been needed. The Sunshine branch of Muskoka has a scholarship to its credit amount. The branch raised $500 in 1910. It has furnished a class room in a local Sunday School at a cost of $300.

Sunshine Guild first opened the "Fresh Air Week" for the working girls and will endeavor to open again this summer. Many applications are already in hand and there is every prospect that the Fresh Air Week this year will be the means of cheering and brightening the lives of many of our girls and women. The summer Rest Rooms for farmers' wives are a practical expression of cheer to them when in town shopping. This feature is to be found in several Eastern towns and will be a feature, I hope, that many of the branches will establish. The Winnipeg Rest Rooms will, I trust, be established in the Musgrove St. Home and all my readers will be heartily welcome to come and rest, write letters or take a cup of tea. The established features in England and the states are:

Summer Homes for Blind Babies.
Libraries.
Day Nurseries.
Cots in Hospitals.
Wheel Chair Co.
Cheap Lunch Rooms
Convalescent Homes, Etc.

CIVIC SUNSHINE

There is a similarity between societies whose aim is for the betterment of conditions surrounding man, but different difference to suit the individual ideas and so some prefer to belong to one and some to another.

In comparing Sunshine and Civic work, we find that the meaning of "Sunshine" is kindliness in thought, word and deed, and of the Civic cleanliness. Cleanliness in the physical, the material and the social.

A life without kindness would be indeed a hard one, and one which we cannot easily conceive, but if such man were to declare duty in his own household, town and province there would be no need for civic societies, as the work of these two is from different motives, one could almost say that of sunshine, the spiritual and of Civics, the material. We associate with Sunshine the establishment of hospitals and rest rooms and in fact anything in keeping with their central aim of brightening lives. We associate with civics, cleaner towns, better sanitation and legislation, however, we learn of both doing what is in their hands had to do to a particular locality. This has been regrettably true of the Altona Sunshine Society, and it is not unusual to hear "Why does not Sunshine do this, that or the other thing" which has disadvantages as well as disadvantages. The Altona Sunshine members opened a civic department with an executive committee of twenty-one members and six officers, who will hold meetings once a month and a public meeting every three months. While the Altona Sunshine could have kept its civic department to itself, it was found better to give it up to the public. The work is so big and broad that it should not be one of eleven established departments but should be one society with its own many departments. It has been the experience in the past that for a society to do permanent work it should contain all the people, and the work done should be for the people and the government by the people. Whether we work as individuals or club members let us keep the beautiful ever before us. It is so easy to forget in the hurry and tired area of our days. There are more farmers' wives in the insane asylums than any other class—and they live in the midst of beauty without the eye or heart to see it. They see too often only the drudgery and monotony of work. If we can show someone else the beauty in work and keep it in view ourselves we will accomplish most effective good. There is an Eastern proverb "If a man has two loaves, let him sell one and buy a rose, for one is food for the body and the other for the soul."

MISS DAVIS,
President of Altona Sunshine

WORK GROWING

Dear Friends:—The Sunshine work is growing stronger every day and I feel sure that to many it will come as a surprise to find that Sunshine can be of use in every branch and walk of life. To the father, mother, child and teacher it cannot but prove a help and blessing, teaching as it does that kindliness, cheerfulness and self control must be our daily attitude. No matter how hard the lesson is to learn, [illegible] and we will, by our example, help even in our own small corner to make the world a better abiding place.

MARGARET.

NEW MEMBERS

Hearty welcome and many thanks to Gladys Irwin, 10c.; E. Little, 10c.; Mrs. E. Little, 10c.; D. Little, 10c.; Tony, 10c.; Amy, 5c.; Mr. Little, 10c.; R. A. Johnston, 25c.; J. D. 10c.; R. 10c.; J. Foster, 10c.; A. Foster, 10c.; Mr. Smith, 25c.; Lee, 10c.; R. Stone, 25c.; Dr. Eisser, 10c.; G. Buckle, associate members; M. Miller 40c.; M. M. G. Little, 5c.; Eldon Liquette, 50c.; Molley Brown, 25c.

EMERGENCY FUND

Previously acknowledged	$10 50
Evelyn Little and friends	3 85
	$14 35

Don't you think it is wonderful that the ten cents count up to so much. Yes, I am deeply grateful and will see that this is well spent in the work.

CHILDREN'S BADGE - - - FIVE CENTS
Don't you want one?

SASKATCHEWAN A NICE LONG LETTER

Dear Margaret:—I received my button and membership card. They are both very nice. I wear my button every day and I am very proud of it because I was told everybody. I am helpful to others to others myself. I help papa to milk and feed the calves. He has eleven cows milking. I milk two cows, sometimes three. He also has two pigs. I have to get up at six o'clock every morning because papa is sometimes here and he has to start work at seven. He does not get home again till six o'clock at night. I am reading some papers. I cannot get some for you [illegible] to me Sunday school here just now. I go to school nearly every day. Some days I have to help momma as my oldest sister is away. I am going to try for my entrance next year. I was fourteen years old on the 23rd of January, New Years Day. I am trying to get some of my school friends to write to you. I have a hen with four chickens. One day last winter she got out and froze both feet. I call her "Stub," and she knows her name too. I can pick her up any place I like. I have seven sisters and only one little brother whom I think an awful lot of. He is only eight years old. The baby is three. In Valparaiso there are only four houses and a school. They are putting up a church this summer. Prairie fire were very bad this year. Two men had their stables and horses burned. There is a fine [illegible] just a few houses, pigs, three horses, three calves, stables, hay, grain, implements, potatoes, blacksmith shop and a great many more things all burned by prairie fires.

GRACE MAY McNEILL.
Valparaiso, Sask.

Dear Child:—I am glad to have your nice letter. Glad you like your button and promise to wear it every day. I would be glad if my readers would pass on The Guide and interest as many as possible in the Sunshine page. The work of Sunshine is to be kind and help the person nearest at hand. Scatter the Sunshine at home, school and among your playmates.

Dear Margaret:—Thank you very much for the card and button. I wear the button every time I go out and hope to be always having it with me. I can get others to join. I am staying at home and will not have much money to help but I think I can get others to join. I am making a bag of my own making. I will also save some Sunday School papers and cards and send them to you.

We have some out grown clothes but are sending them to some poor friends.

MINA DOWLING.
Mac Donald, Sask.

Frank Feeley, Grandora, Sask.:—Glad to hear from you, dear boy. I will forward button, etc. I hope you will wear it every day.

BOYS ARE HELPING

Dear Margaret:—I received the membership card and the button and was glad to get them. I go to school every day and I am in the second class. We have nearly all of our garden in. We have to put in the flowers and a few other things. I am sending you twenty five cents to buy a seal for some poor little girl or boy. And here is another twenty five cents that my brother gave me to send to you. And if you can use this money in a better way you may do so.

Copeland, Sask. LYLE E. FISH

Dear Child:—You are a dear Sunshiner to try and bring in new members. Many thanks for the 50 cents. I will forward button.

Winnie Kerr, New Ottawa, Sask.:—Dear Winnie, many thanks for paper dolls. They were greatly enjoyed. You were very lucky indeed. Hope you will try and form a branch of Sunshine in your school. Write soon.

MANITOBA

Evelyn Little:—Many thanks for your loving letter, it is so good of you to collect for the Sunshine work. I am sending groceries to Mrs. Boyd, 415 Andrews St. This is a particularly sad case. The father has been sent to Selkirk Asylum and so they all feel very sad indeed. He was ill all winter. God bless you, dear child. Give my love to your friends.

Mrs. Bickley, Man.:—I thank you warmly for your interesting letter with its many kind expressions and suggestions. I fear the idea of establishing Sunshine Homes in various parts of the country is not feasible at present. All our energies must be directed for some time to come on the home at Musgrave St. Perhaps in a few years your wish may be fulfilled—who can tell? for our Guild is growing a really mighty band and only One knows what the future holds. I am so glad your Sunshine work flourishes, my friend, and that you find it helpful. I sincerely hope you may soon feel better and stronger.

Mrs. Musgrove, Man.:—Accept my hearty thanks for your kind letter. It was very dear and helpful. I fully share in your longing to be rich enough to do more for our girls but we must recall that the tiniest thing a cup of water is counted in the Master's sight. Yes, I am very fond of music, my friend. Much love to you and your dear mother.

Mrs. Wood, Man.:—I cannot tell you how deeply grieved I am to hear of your condition and anxiety, my friend. You have my heart-felt sympathy. Would that I could offer more than this.

Pray keep me posted with your whereabouts and if I can be of any service you know how happy this will make me.

Please send all parcels of clothing, etc., for Mr. Percy Jones to Sunshine Home, 374 Musgrove St., at the earliest possible moment.

THE SEARCHER

"I'm making up my list of hopes
And girls, and Father Time,
To rule and lead and help the world
In every land and clime.
A quarter century from now
I've room for hundreds yet,
And I go hunting every where
A larger list to get.

"I find that every boy I meet
Would like to be some great
Writes in golden letters high
Upon the roll of fame.
But, some are fond of cigarettes,
Some gamble on the sly,
Some drink, some keep bad company,
Some shirk, and others lie.

"The girls would fill delight to see
Their name upon the roll.
But, some are fond of finery,
And some expend control
Their tongue, while others with a laugh,
Throw all their chance away
By idle folly, or are spoiled
By trifles empty sway.

"And so my list has many gaps,
And many names I need,
Since none accept the strong, the pure,
The self-controlled should lead.
So I go searching every where,
The time is short, you see,
I need a thousand boys and girls,
Alas! where can they be?"

Priscilla Leonard.

OUR LITTLE BOY WHO RAN AWAY

I'm going now to run away,
Said little Sammie Greer one day;
Then I can do just what I choose;
I'll never have to black my shoes;
Or wash my face or comb my hair,
I'll find a place, I know, somewhere,
And never have again to fill
That old wood basket, so I will."

"Good bye, mamma," he said, "good bye."
He thought his mother then would cry.
She only said, "You going, dear?"
And did not shed one single tear.
There now," said Sammie Greer, "I know
She does not care if I do go,
But Bridget does. She'll have to fill
The old wood basket, so she will."

But Bridget only said: "Well, boy,
You off for sure? I wish you joy."
And pasmie's little sister, Kate,
Who swung upon the garden gate,
Said sixteen, as he passed through,
"To night, whatever will you do
When you can't get some syrup spread
At supper time, on top of bread?"

One block from home and Sammie Greer's
Weak little heart was full of fears.
He thought about Red Ridinghood;
The wolf that met her in the wood;
The beautiful boy who kept on mom
When he heard the giant's "Fe fo, fum!"
And when he saw a policeman,
He turned and quickly home ward ran.

Soon through the alley-way he sped,
And crawled in through the old woodshed.
The big wood basket he did fill,
He blacked his shoes up with a will,
He washed his face and combed his hair;
And went up to his mother's chair,
And kissed her twice, and then he said:
"I'd like some syrup top of bread."

Susan Teall Perry.

TRY AGAIN

"Did you ever notice," said an old lady, smiling into the troubled face before her, "that when the Lord told the discouraged fishermen to cast their nets again it was right in that same old place where they had been working all night and had caught nothing? If we could only go off to some new place every time we get discouraged trying again would be an easier thing. If we could be somebody else, or go somewhere else, or do something else, it might not be hard to have fresh faith and courage, but it is the same old net in the same old pond for most of us. The old temptations are to be overcome, the old faults to be conquered, the old trials and discouragements before which we failed yesterday to be faced again today. We must win success where we are if we win it at all, and it is the Master Himself who, after all these fruitful, disheartening efforts that we call failures, bids us "Try again." However, it seems to us, nothing can be really futile which is obedient to His command, and some bright morning the great draught of reward will come.—Sel.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD JOIN THE SUNSHINE GUILD

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Dear Margaret:—I should like to become a member of your Sunshine Guild. Please send membership card. I enclose two cent stamp for its postage.

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