

Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Emma Stocking, Delisle, Sask.
Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. R. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the woman's provincial secretary for Alberta.
Any Manitoba woman who would like a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district should write to Mrs. P. H. Wierck, Stony Mountain, Man.

MUCH HELP NEEDED

Dear Miss Stocking:—I am sending you a cheque for three dollars for the Provincial Equal Franchise Board.

Our meeting was yesterday but I was unable to go. The new officers were elected, also a new secretary, so you will get letters from another hand in the future. I will miss your cheery letters but will hear from you at our meetings, but would be pleased to get personal letters whenever you can write.

I just came across your letter and thought I had better try and answer regarding domestic help. I believe there could be twenty girls placed in good homes in this neighborhood at the present time.

Wages are from \$10 to \$20 a month. Of course there are a number who could do nicely with help who could not even pay as high as \$10 but if there could be some inexperienced girls who would be willing to work for less it would be a great boon to lots of over-worked mothers who could offer a girl a good home but not big wages.

Wishing you every success for the year 1917 and trusting you may be the means of doing a great work,

As ever yours,

Mrs. R. W. AUSTIN,
Sec. Togo W.S.G.G.

BELGIAN RELIEF SOCIAL

The annual and official meeting of the Women Grain Growers of the Star of the West Local was held at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Phillips on the seventh instant and was a real representative meeting. After the regular business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. P. S. Johnson; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Redpath; Secretary, Mrs. M. Wallis; Executive Committee, Mesdames C. Pettigrew, E. Doan and J. O. Phillips.

The membership for 1917 shows eight paid-up members.

It was decided to hold a Box Social and Entertainment on New Year's night, proceeds of which are to be paid to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Yours truly,

Mrs. M. WALLIS,
Secretary.

Biggar, Dec. 23, 1916.

A VERY BUSY SOCIETY

Dear Miss Stocking:—Following is the report of the Fortune Women Grain Growers' Society for the year, 1916: The Fortune Women Grain Growers' Society held their meetings on the last Thursday of each month, seven meetings being held in the year, the other five were missed on account of the disagreeable weather. There was an average attendance of nine. The time was all taken up by sewing for the Red Cross Fund.

On April 11 the following were sent in: 21 surgical shirts, 5 suits of pyjamas, 6 pairs socks, 3 pairs of operation stockings, 108 bandages.

On October 20 the sum of \$41 in cash was sent in.

On December 5, 3 suits of pyjamas, 1 pair socks, 3 bandages and 1 face cloth.

The amount of money on hand amounts to \$49.05.

The following officers were elected for the year 1917: President, Mrs. B. Brookbank; Vice-President, Mrs. Phil Javens; Sec. Treas., Miss B. Crossman; Directors, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Hard, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Franklin and Miss J. McMechan. Next meeting to be held at the residence of Mrs. Boyle on January 11, 1917.

Yours truly,

Mrs. PHIL JAVENS,
Sec. Treas., Fortune W.G.O.A.

The report from Fortune is one that the members can be proud of. They are showing a patriotic spirit which we are certain will not die out when the war is over, but will express itself in working to make our country a better place to live in.—E.A.S.

MOUNTAIN CHASE ACTIVE

Dear Miss Stocking:—The Mountain Chase W.S.G.G.A. now have fifteen members. Our meetings have been held at the Grain Growers' Hall every two weeks and at each meeting tea was served by a committee of three.

We each paid ten cents and when this had amounted to \$8.40 it was sent with a parcel of useful articles, socks, towels, face cloths, etc., to the Red Cross Society. On August 4, we had a very successful picnic and after expenses were paid, the splendid sum of \$98.35 was sent to the Red Cross Fund thru The Guide. Last month a dance was held at the hall, proceeds for the Belgian Relief, so please find enclosed \$20.25 for this fund. We also had a sale of work on November 10. Members and other women having been very busy all summer making garments. Altho the weather was very cold and people did not turn out as we would have liked, practically everything was sold. The net proceeds were \$95.50. Some of this money has gone to buy an organ for the hall. The balance will be sent on for the Belgian Relief Fund.

I think you will agree that the Mountain Chase W.S.G.G.A. have at least tried to do their bit.

Mrs. STEPHEN S. SMITH,
Secretary.

We have every reason to congratulate the members of the Mountain Chase Association upon the results of their activities. We wish them continued success.—E.A.S.

A MONTREAL WOMAN'S WORK

Miss Carrie M. Derrick, M.A., of McGill University is a woman of broad interest in things educational and civic. Thru the National Council of Women, of which she is a past President, exceptionally good work has been done as, from its inception, it stood for an equal standard of education for girls and boys to be followed by vocational training; vocation school and supervised playgrounds have been organized. The Council was asked to present its plea to the Royal Commission of Technical and Industrial Education, and a thorough investigation was made as to industrial conditions affecting both women and children. Professor Derrick presenting the general report of the committee.

Among the recommendations were: A compulsory system of education (long striven for by the Council), a school census, evening classes, free day trade schools, employment bureaus, to aid children leaving school to wisely choose an occupation, and greater opportunities for the professional training of women. They also urged for free days for children to visit the Art Gallery, and free concerts there to be inaugurated. To aid the work The Daily Witness published these reports in full.

One of the first committees of the Council was appointed to work for the appointment of women as school trustees, as the law at that time stated that any voter might hold that office. The Municipal Franchise having been extended to widows and spinsters, they were eligible. But alas! the only apparent result of the Council's effort was the passing of an amendment to the school law debarring women ratepayers from becoming trustees, a change which makes the Province of Quebec an exception to almost every part of the civilized world. But the educational

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