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run the machine. When the competition closes the total number of marks on each side are counted, the victorious side being the one gaining the highest number of marks. The losers must then provide an entertainment for the winners. If the Army Corps lose this contest should be of a military nature, while if the Navy Veterans lose the program should consist of navy songs, monologues, etc. Badges may be worn during the contest, an anchor to represent the Navy and a small flag to represent the Army. If a prize be awarded the individual gaining the highest number of marks it will prove an added stimulus to personal activity.

The above plan has been adopted by the Oakville W.S. of the G.G.A. The drive will commence on April 9 and continue for the following month.

IDEAL CO-OPERATION

I was surprised to read that Mrs. Barritt classes us amongst the progressives as we are only few in number, at no time has our membership exceeded 12, and don't seem to have accomplished anything very big along financial lines at least as compared with other clubs. We first organized as a Ladies' Aid society on October 10, 1912, firstly, for the purpose of assisting in the support of the minister conducting services at the Rathwell school house; secondly, to assist any charitable purpose that the members might decide worthy. Membership dues were fixed as follows: Admission fees, 50 cents and 10 cents to be paid at each meeting of the society, which were and are still held on alternate Wednesdays, from two to four-thirty in the afternoon, at the members' houses in turn. The hostess supplies refreshments, but is limited to not more than three varieties of food.

Up to June 1915, since which we have largely been engaged on Red Cross work, we made various articles for sale, such as quilts, rugs, children's clothes and some mending. We also helped with the sewing and mending for a family with an invalid mother gratis for two or three years. Up until the commencement of the war, any money earned largely went for church purposes. Our aid was not connected directly with any denomination and we have aided at different times Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of England, which ever happened to be conducting services here at the time. By our minutes I see that we decided to purchase wool for soldiers' socks, mitts, belts, etc., as early as August 26, 1914. Since June 1915 we have been assisting the Macleod I.O.D.E. branch of the Red Cross by sewing, knitting, helping and providing for Red Cross teas and suppers, and by collecting contributions, etc. We made over 800 articles for the Red Cross during 1917. We get a bundle of material from the Red Cross depot, make as many articles as possible at our meetings and distribute what is unfinished amongst our members to be made up in their own homes. There are also 18 to 20 boys from our district at the front, two having given their lives, and we provide socks and parcels occasionally for them, besides the work that is done individually by our members.

We decided to unite with the U.F.W.A. in May, 1916, in order to keep in touch with the work being done by other farm women. We collect our U.F.W.A. membership dues instead of the admission fee and still pay our 10 cents semi-monthly towards the support of our local work. We have conducted our work largely along the same lines as formerly. We still assist in supporting the minister-in-charge. We have organized special services at Thanksgiving and other times. During 1914 there was no minister stationed in the district and we secured ministers from the different churches in Macleod to give us a service in turn. We have assisted in getting up Christmas trees for the children, socials, picnics, etc. In 1916, along with the local U.F.A., we organized an athletic club for the young people and assisted them in purchasing a tennis and croquet set, etc. We met with them on the school grounds each Wednesday evening and on alternate Wednesdays provided ice cream and cake, or tea and cake, for which a small charge was made. The grounds were



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