

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 Erma Stocking, Deltale, 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.

FORWARDING STUDY OF ECONOMICS

To encourage the study of economic problems and public questions is the task of the Provincial Special Study Committee appointed by the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. The development of a higher type of citizen is the aim of this work, and no local can have a better object in view than to advance the welfare of their province by making of themselves a thinking class of people.

The writer is the secretary of the Special Study Committee and will be in a position to furnish associations that intend taking up this work, with a list of important topics for study and references where information regarding them can be obtained.

Resolutions bearing upon public matters that affect the welfare of the province are now desired from the women's sections for the coming convention. There is every reason to think that the convention will be of unusual interest and benefit. But to gain the most benefit, resolutions must be presented from the various women's sections. The following resolutions from the Netherhill W.S.G.G.A. show the interest taken by that association in the question of better education. They are worthy of discussion and thought before the coming convention.

ERMA STOCKING,
Provincial Secretary.

BE IT RESOLVED

Many candidates, both in the entrance and teachers' examinations fail to pass because of the great number of misspelled words in their written work.

This remark was made by a member of a board of examiners. This being true, surely the fault lies, not with the teachers or pupil so much, as in the system of teaching spelling. Therefore be it resolved:—

1. "That there is great need of a spelling reform, and that since experience has proved that Grades II, III, and IV to be the spelling era, more attention be given to spelling in these grades and we further suggest that syllabication, elementary sounds, diacritical marks and the more common prefixes and suffixes be thoroughly mastered in these grades."

2. "That at least one woman trustee be appointed to every school board."

3. "That vocational teaching can be done to advantage in the public school and that the school curriculum should be elastic enough to allow pupils to show preference for subjects in which they demonstrate a natural ability."

4. "That while we think a revision of the curriculum advisable, care should be taken to keep a balance between the utilitarian and the cultural, since so many children have no hope of going beyond the public school course."

5. "That since schools should teach the child to think straight and to learn accuracy of expression, more attention should be given to oral recitation."

In considering the subject of the school question as a whole, it might be well to bear in mind the story of the man who went with his son to arrange for a course at the university. After some discussion the father said: "But this is all so hard, and will take so long." I want him to have a university education, but I haven't you something that requires less time?

Oh, yes! answered the president—"He can take a short course. It all depends on what you want to make of him. The Lord takes one hundred years to make the great oak tree, but He makes a squash in two months."

Respectfully,

MRS. H. A. CRAPSER.

FIFTY DOLLARS FOR QUILT

Dear Miss Stocking:—I promised to report the success that the Burnham members met with in selling their quilt. We sold tickets for 25 cents each and when we had the quilt finished we gave a shadow social and dance which was a success. We auctioned the shadows. The admission, which was 25 cents, and the

sale of the shadows brought us twenty-four dollars; our music being our only expense. We took over six dollars out of our treasury to make up twenty-five dollars. This we sent to the Red Cross to be used as our donation for October 19—Our Day. Our quilt brought in fifty dollars. This we sent to headquarters at Regina to endow a bed in the Princess Patricia Hospital, Ramsgate, England. We are going to do what we can to send funds to the Banish the Bar League. We have been spending all of our time and energy on Red Cross work, but this other is so very important that we shall help it also. Enclosed please find twenty cents in stamps for booklets on "Twilight Sleep."

MRS. R. RUNYAN,

Sec'y Burnham W.S.G.G.A.

The members of Burnham are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts to assist the Red Cross Society.

E. A. S.

HELPING TEMPERANCE

The Keeler members are anxious to do all possible to assist in the temperance cause and have asked Miss Sifton, of the Provincial Equal Franchise Board, to address them the first of December. At their November meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Fowler, they had a lively discussion on the matter of banishing the dispensaries. The secretary, Mrs. A. Wiley, writes that she was instructed by the members to send five dollars from the funds to the Provincial Equal Franchise Board, as they are needing funds to enable them to carry on the educational work in regard to reforms needed in this province.

FAIR SETS HIGHER STANDARD

A very interesting letter has been received from Mrs. M. C. Webster, secretary of the Macrorie W.S.G.G.A., in which she reports that their members are desirous of assisting financially the Banish the Bar League. So worthy a cause they feel needs their earnest co-operation. Mrs. Webster writes: Our association, tho only a small one, originated the idea of holding a small town fair this fall. Once thought of, we liked not to give it up, so amid many discouragements and no little contumely, assisted by some good hard labor, we got out our bills and premium cards. We were assisted by the ladies of the town, who contributed for exhibition many beautiful pieces of needle work. We also had the help of two of the Grain Growers of the men's section. We held our fair on September 7, and it was called a surprisingly fine fair and a success in every line. It is hoped that it may prove to be an incentive to a more hearty co-operation of this section in striving for successful fairs in future years. If interest can be created the work can easily be accomplished. We believe these fairs would cause people to set a higher standard for the results of their labor, and that they will strive for the very best specimens of their work, things they will not be ashamed to set alongside of any man's or woman's. "We can do it, shall we begin to try?"

LIBERAL RED CROSS CONTRIBUTION

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of seventy dollars sent by the Rutland Women Grain Growers for the Red Cross Society. They have contributed generously to the patriotic cause during the year and are worthy of a great deal of praise. The amount has been forwarded to the Provincial Secretary, Red Cross Society, Regina, who will forward an official receipt for the amount to the secretary, Miss Mabel Perrin.

HELPING THE FRANCHISE BOARD

Mrs. W. W. Lewis of the Dinmore Association writes that their members have polled their first vote and they feel it their duty to contribute to the funds of the Provincial Equal Suffrage Board. They send five dollars and are the second association to contribute to this necessary fund. The association also contributed

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