



Grain Growers' Sunshine Guild

Conducted by MARGARET SHIELDS

Headquarters:

Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg

Associate membership fee	\$1 00
S. G. Badges (ladies')	35
S. G. Badges (gentlemen's)	35
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' Club Room at 328 Hargrave Street.
- To give a day of joy at the Toy Mission.



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

THE SHOWER IS SPLENDID

Dear Friends:—Barrels and boxes of clothing are pouring in so fast it would be utterly impossible to give individual acknowledgements until after the Toy Mission.

More More More

Dolls, toys, candies, pocket handkerchiefs, children's clothing, anything and everything in the shape of toys, plum puddings, cake, chickens, butter.

The Toy Mission will not take place till after the first of January, so that goods will be received up to and including that date.

God bless you all for all your loving kindness, and may the New Year be full of peace, prosperity and plenty to you one and all, is the Christmas wish of,

Yours lovingly in Sunshine or Shade,
MARGARET.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Toy Mission

Amt. Previously Acknowledged	\$25 75
Miss Ruby McCom	8 00
Maggie Averill	1 14
M. M. B.	10 00
Miss F. Sharpe	1 75
May and Kathleen	35

Sunshine Fund

Amt. Previously Acknowledged	7 50
Edith Manning	75
Margaret E. Bradley	2 00
Margaret Preston	24

SWEETENED BY SUFFERING

Dear Margaret:—Am sending you by mail a small parcel containing a few new articles of clothing for some of your wee mites, also some second-hand underwear for adults, beside four picture books, three wool balls, etc., knowing that you can find someone to give them to. The muslin skirt I thought might do for pinafores, but if no good please throw it away. The two flannelette night-dresses I should like given to some wee invalid if possible, as I have made them easy to take on and off. The wool shoulder cape is for some old lady or invalid. You will be glad to hear that for the last little while I have suffered less pain, so I had the pleasure of being able to make a few things for your good work, though fear they will only prove "like a drop in the ocean."

Have we not had a spell of very cold weather early this fall? I trust the present mild weather may last, for it would save so much suffering to those that are poor or invalid. You and your helpers are often in my thoughts at this busy season preparing for Christmas. I sincerely trust your various branches of work may have a successful time, and that early in the New Year you may all be able to take a well earned rest for a short time. Wishing you and all Sunshiners a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

From your "shut-in" friend,

MIRIAM.

THANKS TO MIRIAM

Dear Miriam:—I received your very welcome letter, and it was good indeed

to know that you had not forgotten me. I have been thinking of you so often and wondering why I have not heard from you. I will send your cape to an old lady who is totally blind, and I know that she will enjoy it. The nighties also I can find some little children to whom they will be a real delight. Your picture books are always so beautiful that they have proved a source of delight to all who have seen or received them. May God bless you and help you to every happiness during the coming year. Write often, for I miss your letters. Yes, all charges have always been paid on your parcels. It is a great comfort to have them prepaid, as they must be paid at the expense of the funds which frequently leaves us very little balance to help our cases with.

Yours lovingly in Sunshine or Shade,
MARGARET.

Hannah Dixon, Clair, Sask.—I will forward recruiting sheet and also collecting card and hope to hear of a number of new members. Try to interest your teacher in the Sunshine work, and perhaps you could form a branch of Sunshine in the school.

Lily M. Jackson, Manitou, Man.—I am sending copy of paper desired and also membership button and card. I hope you will wear them every day. Write again.

Evelyn and Jamie Cates.—Dear Children:—I am deeply grateful for your loving help in sending \$1.10 for the work. I find that you have enclosed the receipt instead of the white order for the money. I will forward paper today.

Alta Barnstable, Estevan, Sask.—Glad to have your letter and you are heartily welcome as a member of the Guild. You are very thankful for your good crops, and will, I know, work harder for Sunshine in thanksgiving for God's great mercies to you all.

E. C., Souris, Man.—Your kind enquiries will be answered under separate cover. Glad to hear from you. Yes, the Guild is growing very rapidly. The \$1.00 sent in will be applied to the case mentioned.

Carmen Stock, Burnham, Sask.—Many thanks for Ziz-zag puzzles, also for scrap books. It was very touching to see the joy in the faces of my sick little ones when we have had these books to give them, and the Sunshine lady was always sure of a hearty welcome from one and all. I am very grateful for your kind help.

Jack and Donald Welsh, Kinistino, Sask.—You are heartily welcome to our Sunshine corner. I am always glad to hear from my old members and friends. The summer is always a busy time. I am looking forward to the winter when we will have time to write and plan many games and amusements both of profit and pleasure to ourselves and Sunshine.

Ida Kirchner, Moore Park P.O., Man.—Many, many thanks for the box of clothing sent in. They are so beautifully clean that they are a pleasure to give to my needy ones.

A School Girl, Fort Langley, B. C.—Dear Child:—The twenty-five cents will indeed be a great help. It is not small giving with such a loving spirit and such beautiful wishes. There is no limit to the result from just this twenty-five cents when you send it in God's name. Yes, it is sad to think of all the labor, but we must not repine, but just be glad and thankful for all mercies.

Yours lovingly in Sunshine or Shade,
MARGARET.

Lewis G. Raby, Owenstown, Sask.—You are heartily welcome to our Guild Circle. I will forward button at once. The books will be a great comfort during the coming dark days. I found the

books were a great joy and delight all through last year.

A. L., Alberta:—Many thanks, indeed, for the kind present for a wee baby. I will certainly see that it is given to some little child that needs it.

THE "SAD CASE"

A report has been received from this case mentioned some time ago, and we are sending blankets, quilt, and various other articles that will help them over Christmas. I am glad to say that they are over the worst part of their difficulties, and I hope, indeed, that they will prosper during the coming years.

Alice D. Grey, McLean, Sask.—Many thanks, dear child, for the twenty-five cents, and I will see that a toy is provided for some little boy or girl. God bless your loving heart.

Mrs. A. W., Moosomin:—Many thanks, indeed, for the gift of \$5.00, which I will apply on Christmas fund. Your kind thoughts of me and loving wishes for the success of Sunshine work must, indeed, bring a blessing. I trust, indeed, to be the means of cheering many lonely hearts this Christmas time.

Miss Nellie S. M. S., Shoal Lake, Man.—Your interest is greatly appreciated and helps me wonderfully in my work. This year I expect towards January and February the work will be heavy, indeed. I find that just before Christmas while the distress is great, it is nothing to equal the misery which comes into the lives of our needy ones during the latter part of the winter. God bless you for your kindness, and the parcel will go to make some mother happy.

Mrs. A. S. and Miss E., Odessa, Sask.—Your parcel arrived safely, and I am deeply grateful to you both for your kind thoughts. One chicken and a pound of butter was sent to a little widow who is badly in need of a little comfort. Half of another chicken was sent to a young English girl who has had a very bad attack of grip and was feeling downhearted and lonely. The other half is being sent to a little sick boy. I only wish you could be with us this Christmas time. If you could have seen the faces of these friends who received your help, you would indeed feel glad of giving hope and encouragement to these dear women.

Miss Annie and Francis Hanley, Fairlight, Sask.—Dear children, I have much pleasure in acknowledging your pretty post cards, and also the Sunday School papers. You will see from time to time the acknowledgements from our workers of the great pleasure given by these papers.

Miss N. P., Saltcoats, Sask.—Your parcel was received with very great pleasure, and you may be sure the books will give joy. You will be glad to hear that the Christmas presents are coming in very fast and that there is every prospect of a very fine entertainment and much good cheer. While there is great distress all over the country as well as in the city, each one is helping along to the very best in their power.

A Lover of Babies, Pincher Station:—I am delighted with baby's photo, and think he has grown into a lovely boy, and will indeed, I hope, prove a very great comfort to you both.

Ruby McCombes, McNutt, Sask.—I am indeed grateful for the \$8.00 sent in and send my most hearty thanks to your kind hearted friends who have so kindly helped you in making up this very large sum. After the Toy Mission is over, and I hope you will spare a few minutes to send in the names of all those who helped you, so that I may send them membership cards, and enroll them as members of our Sunshine army.

Dorothy Stow, Glendinning, Man.—Your twenty-five cents will be placed to the emergency fund, and will help some poor child. I will forward badge and membership card. Try and form a branch in your school.

Mrs. Fry, Canora, Sask.—God bless you for your loving work in caring for the widows and orphans. It is so good to feel that I have such splendid workers who do not mind any sacrifice to help along the good work. I hope they will all prove a great comfort to you and that God's richest blessings will be with you in your work together. Give my love to mother and children.

In Sunshine or Shade,
MARGARET.

BARREL OF SUNSHINE

Dear Margaret:—You will think my reports are few and far between, but you must remember our "Sunbeams" are scattered and I do not often see them, but the barrel is progressing all the same; there are 19 parcels in it now, and lots more to come. Those in it now are some clothing, not new but sound, scrap books, pictures, magazines, books, and a home made woolen rug for some one who suffers with cold feet. Now as for our quilt, I have in already seven of the blocks needed out of twelve which is the number required, and we shall get the rest soon I think. I hope to get it made before Christmas, but cannot say for certain. I notice in your acknowledgement in Grain Growers' Guide that you say membership cards are being sent to us. We have not received them as yet, but shall be very pleased to have them from all those who help in filling our barrel. Of course I received mine with your letter. Hope you will accept this as a report, although it does not enter into all details.

I am, as ever, yours for Sunshine,
MRS. M. C. HIPPISELEY.
"Holindens Farm," Winnipegosis, Man.

Dear Mrs. Hippisley:—Many thanks for your splendid letter and report contained therein. My heart goes out to you and your kind friends in warmest gratitude for their splendid work. Co-operation is the great secret of success in Sunshine work, and I trust that this year will see a magnificent record of kindly deeds and helpful service one to another. Each day it is brought home to me more and more the absolute necessity of having a Sunshine circle in every town and village in the West. The immigration inspector (provincial) brought in reports of desperately sad cases of farmers' wives and children out on homesteads with scarcely a particle of food or clothing, and it would have helped considerably had there been a Sunshine Circle in any nearby town. Sunshine being strictly undenominational can be worked in connection with all churches, all Sunday Schools, Churches, Economic Clubs, Homemakers' Clubs, Mothers' Meetings, Grain Growers' Associations anywhere where there is a meeting of any men or women, or both. One man answered the appeal for material for our dressmakers to make up into cosy garments, and I trust that many more will follow his splendid example. Bachelors or young men out in the West who have no mothers or sisters can join hands in helping me to care for some mother who is left alone in the world.

God bless your loving hearts and willing hands. Kindly send me the names of your neighbors who are so kindly helping you, and I will forward the cards to them at an early date. Sorry for the delay.
MARGARET.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD JOIN THE SUNSHINE GUILD

Sign the form below:—
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.

Name
Address
Age